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BERLIN EXPECTS WAR

A considerable number of Japanese troops have already crossed into Indo-China, with the object of occupying the whole country, according to a Berlin report quoted by the correspondent of the Stockholm "Social Demokraten" in the German capital.

Although the Wilhelmstrasse is reserved and press comment is lacking, the correspondent says it is considered in Berlin that events in Indo-China presage great developments in the world situation.

Berlin considers it unlikely that Japan will be content with the occupation of Indo-China. SHE WILL, IT IS THOUGHT, PROCEED TO THE OCCUPATION OF A STRIP OF TERRITORY BETWEEN INDO-CHINA AND THE MALAY PENINSULA—A STEP WHICH, THE GERMANS ARE CONVINCED, WILL IMMEDIATELY RESULT IN WAR.—REUTER.

AUSTRALIA AND CRISIS IN PACIFIC

It was officially stated in Melbourne yesterday that the Australian Government does not intend to recall Parliament as even if the Pacific situation becomes grave it will call for action by the Administration rather than by debate.—Reuter.

SHIPPING EXPERTS FOR FAR EAST

With instructions to expedite in every way the maximum use of ships carrying cargoes vital to the defence of the United States, the Maritime Commission has sent shipping experts to Durban, Calcutta, Singapore, Manila, Honolulu and the Red Sea area.—Reuter.

New U.S.A. Policy Is In The Making

WHILE VICHY "NEGOTIATES" UNDER THE THREAT OF JAPANESE NAVAL GUNS TRAINED ON SAIGON, THE STAGE IN WASHINGTON IS BEING QUIETLY SET FOR SPECIFIC AMERICAN RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST JAPAN, AS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY.

Though President Roosevelt refused to say what form this action would take, members of the Presidential party spending the week-end at Hyde Park, N.Y., thought the most likely move was the freezing of Japanese assets.

Replying to a question whether events in the Far East have "accentuated the dangers of the international situation," President Roosevelt suggested the answer should be put this way: "Events in the Far East are bringing greater awareness on the part of the public to the dangers of the world situation."

Meanwhile reports from London that Great Britain will back up the United States to the hilt, have been very well received in Washington.

Politicians and others generally admit that a new American policy is in the making—and one that will not be pleasant for Tokyo. It is widely felt that President Roosevelt would not have spoken so frankly on the reasons for the shipment of oil to Japan in the last two years if a change were not under way.

IS CERTAIN THAT U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE MOVES:

An embargo on oil shipments, Cessation of gold purchases, Freezing of Japan's assets in the U.S., The ousting of Japanese consular officials, as in the case of Italy and Germany, and The seizure of Japanese ships in American waters.

Joint Measures Decided

Japanese circles in London are most anxious to discover the (Continued on Page 16)

JAPAN THE "ALLY" OF VICHY!

SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL" Final details of the Japanese military occupation of Indo-China as "protector," were discussed at a meeting in Vichy between Admiral Darlan and the Japanese Ambassador.

Complete silence is being maintained in Vichy regarding the decisions but it is confirmed that Japan is being given "all technical and military facilities" and that Japan is now regarded as an "ally" for defence purposes.

No announcement has been made in Vichy of the arrival of Japanese warships and transports off Cap St. Jacques and Camranh Bay, the principal bases said to be involved in the Vichy talks.—International News Service.

ERA OF WORDS IS NOW OVER-- SINGAPORE READY

MR. EDEN'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS AND THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN'S DECLARATION THAT PLANS FOR COUNTER-ACTION TO THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON, HAVE CAUSED LIVELY SATISFACTION IN SINGAPORE.

These announcements, coming so closely on the heels of Mr. Sumner Welles' and President Roosevelt's statements, make the man in the street feel that at last some form of positive action will materialise to counter Japanese aggression.

The era of words appears finally over. We at last have woken up to the necessity to cry halt," one high official told Reuter in Singapore last night.

The theoretical question of whether the action decided is purely economic or economic and military, causes little serious concern in Singapore.

After months of continuous preparation, Malaya—and indeed the whole "A-B-C" front in the Far East—feel they are now ready to meet any situation with confidence.

The troops in Malaya are already being put into some form of action.

Gloves Off

One officer remarked almost gleefully to Reuter last night: "It is gloves off now; soon it will be thumbs up here too."

THIS REMARK TYPIFIES THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ARE AWAITED IN MALAYA.

It is noted with lively satisfaction that consultations with China and the Dutch East Indies have proceeded pari passu with America in this vital Far Eastern crisis.—Reuter.

Stormy Weather Forecast

Moreover, the reference by Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, to American national defence interests in his statement on Thursday, is regarded as a sure signal of stormy weather in the Pacific unless Japan changes her mind.

The American press yesterday continued to demand firm action. The "Washington Post" praised Mr. Welles' warning, which "must be regarded as a certain prelude to action by the United States."

Like Hitler, the newspaper adds, Japan cannot stop but must go on from aggression to aggression—and the U.S. cannot afford to let the Japanese occupation of Indo-China go uncontested.

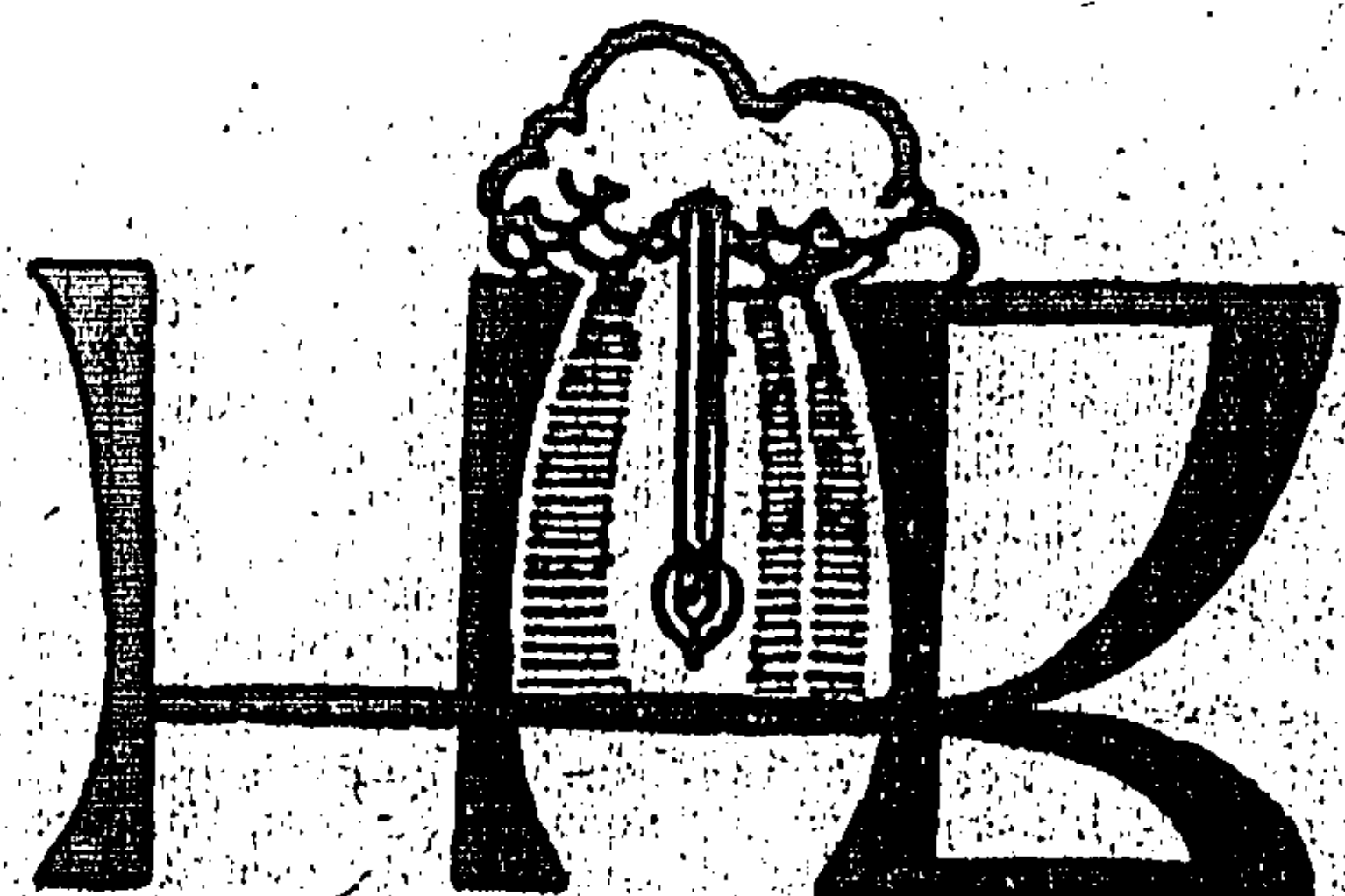
End Of A Policy

The paper continues: "The time has come to apply against Japan all those economic and financial measures which, with unbelievable restraint, we have thus far refrained from using against her."

The "Baltimore Sun" says that the Japanese warships off Indo-China should mark the end of an American policy. Japan has gone ahead with a new aggression endangering American interests, and the last reason for withholding effective sanctions has been brushed aside. The "New York Times" declares: "We ought to impose an embargo which means business."

MEANWHILE, WASHINGTON IS BUSILY DISCUSSING POS-

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Stratosphere Raids Started By R.A.F. On German Bases

BOMBS RAINED FROM 30,000 FT.

AMERICAN FLYING FORTRESSES MADE THE HIGHEST EVER ROYAL AIR FORCE OPERATIONAL FLIGHT WHEN THEY POUNDED THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP, GNEISENAU, DOCKED AT BREST, IN THE DAYLIGHT RAID ON THURSDAY. THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE GIVES THIS INFORMATION IN MAKING KNOWN FURTHER DETAILS OF THE OPENING PHASE OF THE WAR IN THE STRATOSPHERE LAST NIGHT.

Heavy Damage Done

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A study of the reports of R.A.F. airmen who took part in the raids on the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen, reveals that very heavy damage was inflicted on the Nazi warships.

Both the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are believed to have been gravely damaged, if not permanently crippled. Both vessels were struck squarely by heavy calibre armour-piercing bombs.

The Prinz Eugen, at Brest, is believed to have been struck by bombs which virtually demolished the dockyard where the cruiser is berthed.—International News Service.

SOVIET MISSION TO U.S.

MR. SUMNER WELLES, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE SENDING A SPECIAL MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF WAR SUPPLIES.

When questioned about it, Mr. Welles said he could not say anything on the subject to-day, but added that he underlined the word to-day. He added that the Russian Ambassador, M. Oumansky, had discussed the orders Russia wishes to place with the United States, but declined to give details. — Reuter.

GERMANY NEUROTIC, SADISTIC

The "New York Times" Topic of the Times columnist said that "Hitler asked his countrymen to join him in a short war to assure the triumph of Nazism for a thousand years."

"Perhaps the reporters misunderstood him. Perhaps the Fuehrer called his countrymen to join him in a thousand years of war to assure the triumph of the Nazis for a couple of months."

In their "V" campaign, the Portland (Oregon) "Journal" states, "neurotic Germany, of ingrown inferiority complex, split, twisted, sadist, and masochist nation of the world — the Germany of a guilty conscience, is in for a bad time with this sort of propaganda."

The "Seattle Daily Times" says that "the Irish, as de Valera says,

The bombs were rained down by men in oxygen chambers over 30,000 feet up. The bombers had to attack with precision, bombing heavily armoured warships protected by 6-inch armour-plating on deck, and each with 30 anti-aircraft guns of her own.

One of the battle-cruisers was lying in the most heavily defended base in occupied France. Both ships were ringed with squadrons of German fighters and the whole attack was typical of the example of spirit, expressed in the words of a squadron commander to his men, "force your way in and fight your way out."

The arrival of the American Flying Fortresses at so great a height over Brest was an achievement of experts in half-a-dozen sciences. At this level all problems of high-altitude flying become acute.

Crews are given their course in a pressure chamber before they begin to fly the fortresses, and here they regulate their own oxygen supply and are told to let themselves become unconscious for a few seconds at least once so that they may realise there is nothing to be frightened of.

The crews understand their own idiosyncracies and learn how to control them while flying. They were given their instructions soon after breakfast and then immediately changed into flying kit.

Landed A Skeleton

They then took off and climbed tens of thousands of feet until they could see for a distance of 150 miles.

Battles were going on below as Hampdens and Wellingtons came in to attack, and in one combat a large part of the fuselage of a Wellington was set on fire. It managed to land in England but was, by then, almost a skeleton.

Combats seemed to follow one another in unending succession, and though as many guns were trained on the British aircraft in broad daylight as in any previous night attacks on Brest, nothing could check the drive and impetus of the assault.

Pillar Of Smoke

THE CREW OF A HALIFAX WHICH GOT A DIRECT HIT ON THE SCHARNHORST, MOORED TO THE BREAKWATER AT LA PALICE, SAW A PILLAR OF BLACK SMOKE RISE A THOUSAND FEET FROM THE DECK.

Within a few hours of this attack the nightly bombing of Germany was continued, with no diminished effort. This was also against Germany's naval bases.

At Kiel, what appeared to be a shipbuilding slip, was burnt out and both there and at Emden, there were other fires.—Reuter.

can fight and die for a cause they know to be just, but lives will be given, vainly should the cause go down. Hitler has no mercy for neutrals, and no Irishman could hope to live his own life under Nazi rule."

A Swiss paper quotes a young German mechanic as saying of peoples in German occupied countries that: "They seem to have been happier here, perhaps happiness is too dangerous and must be destroyed," as if their happiness had been destroyed by German soldiers. — Reuter.

REPORT OF NAZI LIBYA WITHDRAWAL

No confirmation is available in official circles in Cairo of a report from Lisbon that two German divisions have been withdrawn from Libya.

It was pointed out in Cairo yesterday that it is a recognised feature of German tactics to spread reports of this nature in order to cause doubt and confusion.—Reuter.

FAST WORK

With the launching at Kearny, New Jersey, yesterday of two new American destroyers — the Bristol and Ellyson — a new record for rapid construction of modern destroyers was established by the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

The vessels ran down the slipway only seven-and-a-half months after the laying of their keels. — Reuter.

NAZI ADMISSION OF READINESS TO UTILISE GAS

POISON GAS instructions to Nazi troops captured by the Russians, and made available to foreign correspondents in Moscow, devote considerable attention to gunnery with gas shells and mines, according to the Moscow radio.

The announcer gave extracts from these instructions in a broadcast yesterday.

"The aim of gunnery, with chemical missiles, is to put the enemy out of action, hinder their operations, reduce their fighting power and to prevent the enemy from breaking through definite areas by fire of contamination."

"Gas affects the enemy at a good distance from the point of burst, certainly beyond the range of shell splinters. To this must be added the moral effect, since it will be difficult to gauge the extent of the danger."

"The effectiveness of gunnery with poison gas depends a lot on the character of the terrain and weather conditions."

"The best weather conditions for gas are calm weather, or hardly perceptible breeze, a cloudy sky and weak action of sun rays. For the use of certain gas, misty weather and dripping rain are desirable. These conditions are present mainly in the early morning or in the evening, and also in the night, and this time is preferable for gunnery with chemical missiles."

Germans Admit Gas Plans

The Germans admitted yesterday that plans for gas warfare had been issued to the German commanders on the Eastern Front.

A statement issued by the official German news agency says that these rules are being studied by the German military leaders "merely as a matter of routine."

JAPANESE ARE NOT SATISFIED

Japanese dissatisfaction with de Gaullist activities in French Indo-China was expressed by the official spokesman to foreign correspondents in Tokyo yesterday.

The spokesman said Japan was enquiring in Vichy about reports of the Vichy announcement of a new agreement with Japan covering Indo-China.

He refused to say the nature of the enquiry.

He said Japan was quite satisfied with the attitude of the Hanoi Government but "certain groups of civilians" were not in accord.

He added: "This means de Gaullists in Indo-China." — Reuter.

BONUS FOR CHINESE SEAMEN

Chinese circles in London express appreciation of the recent decision made by the Silver Line for considerate treatment of Chinese seamen in its employ.

It is learned that as a result of negotiations between the Chinese Consul-General and company officials, the Silver Line has agreed to pay the Chinese seamen, totalling over 1,000, each £5 monthly as war bonus operating retrospectively from January 4.

It may be recalled that the Silver Line, acting independently from the big shipping companies, declared willingness to give a war bonus for the Chinese seamen months ago, but the decision was considered invalid on certain technical grounds.—Central News.

DEFENCE ORDERS

The Government of India have issued an order, to be effective from August 1, to ensure that iron and steel produced in India is used only for defence and war supply purposes, and really essential civil needs, says a message from Simla.

Another order, which comes into effect immediately, has just been issued, for placing a check on the import, manufacture and sale of essential drugs. Manufacturers, importers or sellers of such drugs must submit monthly returns of the quantity in their possession or control, and must also keep a record of all purchases or sales.—Reuter.

FURTHER SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS ON SHIPS

ON WEDNESDAY R.A.F. bombers carried out a successful attack on enemy shipping at Trapani.

One merchant vessel became enveloped in flames and smoke when hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and another, of 3,000 tons, is believed to have been sunk.

According to yesterday's R.A.F. communique in Cairo, the formation then raided on enemy aerodrome between Trapani and Marsala, destroying three S75's and damaging several others.

In the Mediterranean an E-boat approached one of the British convoys and was attacked by R.A.F. fighters. The

boat was left sinking. In Libya heavy bombers again attacked the harbour at Benghazi on the night of July 23/24, causing a number of explosions on the ground and on quays as well as considerable fires.

Two of our aircraft are missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

NAZIS "STUCK" AT SMOLENSK

German Wedge Threatened By Flank Attacks

PROBING TACTICS EXPECTED

HELD UP IN THEIR DRIVES on Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, Hitler's armies may now be expected to test the Soviet lines for possible weak points elsewhere along the 2,000-mile long battlefront, according to Reuter's Moscow correspondent.

The Germans, he says, are "stuck in definitely before Smolensk," and the wedge the Germans have driven into the Russian lines in this sector is already dangerously long and exposes itself to the threat of flank attack by the Soviet troops.

Fierce fighting is still proceeding in five sectors of the front, according to the latest Soviet communiques.

The Germans do not claim any substantial successes, merely saying that "operations are proceeding according to plan."

On the central front big battles continued to rage on Thursday night in the region of Smolensk and at Polotsk and Nevel, north-west of the city.

The Nazi offensive in the Ukraine has been brought to a fullstop in the Kiev sector, according to Moscow circles, which add that three major battles are raging on the central front but elsewhere Nazi attacks have been stalled. Reuter and International News Service.

Odessa Bombing Claim

The Russian port of Odessa, on the Black Sea, was repeatedly bombed by German planes on Thursday, says the official German news agency.

Harbour works, buildings and shipyards, adds the agency, were severely damaged and an anti-aircraft ship in the harbour was also hit.

The port of Cherson, at the mouth of the Dnieper, is also said to have been attacked. Reuter.

CRUSADER TANKS A SUCCESS

The new type of British cruiser tank has been named the Crusader by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Supply, in view of the tremendous work it did in the Middle East.

"It made rings round the Germans," was the tribute of a Royal Armoured Corps General who has knowledge of all the achievements of the Crusaders in Libya, and elsewhere in the Middle East.

The general added: "The way these machines fired as they raced over the desert surprised the Germans and stupefied the Italians. If only there had been more all our troubles would be ended."

Many officers, with battle experience in Europe and Africa, consider the Crusaders the finest all-round fighting vehicles in the British armoured forces.

The armour is fairly heavy. They carry a two-pounder gun and seven machine-guns and mortars. The mortar will hurl powerful explosives at a high angle, and are deadly in operation against an entrenched enemy.

The outstanding feature of the Crusaders, is their speed. They can travel as fast as many express trains. — Reuter.

3,000,000 CASUALTIES IN FIVE WEEKS

Casualties in the five weeks of the Soviet-German conflict total some 3,000,000, according to M. Averin, the Soviet political commentator, broadcasting from Moscow last night.

This, he declared, was part of the crimes which must be laid at the door of "the Fascist criminals who have plunged the whole of Europe into misery"—Reuter.

SERIOUS COMPLAINT AGAINST BRITON

IN ADJOURNING the hearing of a complaint brought by the Municipal Police against C. A. Cameron, a British subject, in H.M. Police Court at Shanghai, the Registrar, Mr. H. C. Haines, observed that evidence had been given to show that the complaining witness had been gagged and beaten up, which if borne out might constitute robbery, a much more serious offence than the larceny charge which the police had laid against accused.

The Police intimated that they would produce medical evidence at the next hearing showing the extent of the injuries sustained by the victim.

The charge brought by the police was that accused on July 15, on Darroch Road had feloniously stolen a parcel of clothing valued at \$50 from one Song Kee-tsoo, contrary to the Larceny Act. Mr. Haines at the outset observed that he was not disposed to deal with the case summarily, as he understood it was not Cameron's first appearance before the court, and would frame a charge on which to commit accused for trial if the evidence produced by the Police should warrant it. In the circumstances he would not ask Cameron to plead.

Police Witnesses Called

Outlining the prosecution's case Detective Sub-Inspector R. Wilkinson of the Dixwell Road Station told the court that on the morning of July 14 a telephone message was received from the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters stating that they had arrested a foreigner. The Police went there and took into custody the accused, 25 years of age, a British subject. At the same time the Japanese authorities handed over to the police a seventeen year old Chinese, Song Kee-tsoo.

The latter, it was alleged, stated that on July 13, he was walking along Darroch Road with a parcel in his hand, when accused approached him from behind and questioned him about the contents of the parcel.

He resisted, raised an alarm, and it was alleged, accused snatched the parcel from him and ran away. Eventually accused was arrested by the Japanese authorities and taken with his victim to the headquarters of the Naval Landing Party. He was held overnight while the Dixwell Road station was informed and requested to take him over.

Sergeant M. Kashima of Dixwell Road Station gave evidence of arrest and related how accused was handed over to him by the Japanese Naval Landing Party headquarters.

Gagged And Beaten

He was followed into the witness-box by the complaining

witness, a tailor's assistant who looked years younger than the age he gave. He said accused asked him whether the parcel contained opium and heroin, searched it and asked him to go to military headquarters. On Kunming Road, he said, it was dark and he started to cry when accused placed a paper gag and a handkerchief in his mouth and struck him on the face and head with his clenched fist, snatched the parcel away from him and ran away. Two Japanese plain-clothes men arrested the accused and notified a Japanese sentry near by.

Accused was in possession of the parcel when searched and was taken to the station, witness said, where he was beaten up with batons and tied up. Later a military car conveyed them all to military headquarters.

Detective Sergeant W. G. Stevens of Dixwell Road Station was the last witness called. He said he made enquiries into the case. When asked why he had taken the parcel, witness said, accused declared that since his release from gaol on January 9 last, he was unable to find work and had snatched the property to procure money to buy food.

BERLINERS GET THE JITTERS

THE INHABITANTS of Berlin are anticipating and "furiously preparing" for heavy R.A.F. raids when the nights get longer, according to a well-informed neutrality who has just arrived in Lisbon from the German capital.

He told Reuter yesterday that on leaving Berlin, a German friend bidding him good-bye said: "Lucky devil—pray for us next winter."

Two bogles in the minds of the people are fear of the R.A.F. and of a food shortage next year.

JAPAN EXPECTING U.S. SEIZURE OF HER ASSETS

AMID THE MOUNTING tension and international uncertainty, the Japanese Cabinet met yesterday to hear the Foreign Minister report on world developments while the Finance Minister explained the economic situation.

It is believed the Finance Minister discussed the Japanese position in the event of the United States and Britain impounding Japanese assets which is expected to be a likely move.

The papers continue the discussion of the alleged Anglo-American and Chinese "threats" to Indo-China.

They say that the security of Indo-China is essential to the fulfilment of Japanese treaties and for this reason, Japan cannot tolerate any outside interference in Indo-China's affairs.

First Reception

The Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda, gave the first formal reception for foreign diplomats at his official residence yesterday afternoon.

Because of the European war, three waiting rooms were specially prepared, two for the envoys of belligerent countries, and one for representatives of the neutrals.

The first envoy to meet the Foreign Minister was the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the dozen of the Diplomatic Corps. — Reuter.

TOBRUK'S GARRISON ACTIVE

"A number of fighting patrols from Tobruk penetrated the enemy positions during the night of July 23/24," says yesterday's Middle East communique in Cairo.

"One of these patrols advanced to a depth of over three miles and engaged an enemy strong point with hand-grenades, inflicting a number of casualties before withdrawing."

"Our artillery successfully covered the operations of these patrols throughout the night."

"In the frontier area our mechanised patrols again drove back enemy elements from points of observation."

"There is no change in Abyssinia and Syria."—Reuter.

MR. EDEN SEES ENVOYS

Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, saw M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador, and Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Ambassador, in London yesterday, says Reuter.



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GERMANS ABANDON HOPES OF QUICK CAPTURE OF MOSCOW

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow)

THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN NIGHT ATTACKS ON MOSCOW AFTER SUCCESSIVE SYSTEMATIC RAIDS HAVE SHOWN NO SENSATIONAL RESULTS, AND INDICATIONS NOW POINT TO THE FACT THAT THE GERMANS HAVE ABANDONED HOPE OF THE EARLY CAPTURE OF THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

Private houses have been wrecked but there is no indication of any industrial damage or the disruption of railway systems, which always has been the easiest objective to repair.

The Germans have learned several lessons since the first heavy toll was taken on their low-flying planes at the time of the first night attack.

The Germans, impressed with the unexpected effectiveness of the A.A. defences, are now keeping much higher.

German plans now seem to be based on repeated bombings of Moscow with a view to disorganising communications, wrecking factories and demolishing objectives which they would have preferred to capture intact.

The Germans intend this seriously to undermine civilian morale and lower the Russian resistance.

Moscow's A.R.P.

Stories of how Moscow landladies, cooks and school-children tackled fire bombs during recent German air raids on the Soviet capital were told yesterday by the official Soviet News Agency.

Two incendiaries fell in the backyard of a bungalow in a small street. The landlady, Mme. Antonova, put them out at once.

When 11 incendiaries fell on the roof of an apprentice school dormitory, four pupils particularly distinguished themselves. They threw all the 11 bombs off the roof and they were put out in the courtyard below.

Incendiaries which fell on a secondary school in another Moscow district were all put out within a few minutes. A large number of incendiaries came down near a factory while the male cook was preparing a meal. He put out 17 of them.

Soldiers' Bravery

In one street, three fire bombs penetrated the roof and lodged in the attic. A fire-watcher, who was on the roof, at once went into the attic and covered the bombs with sand.

Several incendiaries fell on a searchlight station. The soldier in charge of the generator extinguished the bombs and the work of the station proceeded normally.

The crews of A.A. batteries, searchlight units and balloon barrages are stated to have shown great skill, initiative and heroism during the raids.

One A.A. gunner, though wounded by a shell splinter, stuck to his post while another, by accurate fire on dive-bombing German aircraft, compelled them to flee and drop their bombs in a wood outside the city.—Reuter.

ARAB AIMS

Arab chiefs and members of the Legislative Council of Amman and Transjordan have telegraphed to the British and Free French authorities in Egypt and Syria, claiming that Transjordan is an integral part of Syria.

They express their determination to attain Arab unity which they declare is their national aim.—Reuter.

SOVIET WORKERS HAIL PACT

The working people of the Soviet Union unanimously acclaim the conclusion of the agreement between the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain on joint action in the war against Germany.

Workers and employees of the Leninakan Kuznitsa plant in Kiev have written in a collective letter:

"Workers, employees, engineers and technicians of our plant like all working people of Kiev rejoiced with profound satisfaction the news of the agreement between the governments of the U.S.S.R. and Great Britain on joint action in the war against Germany. This wise decision of the governments of the two great powers will undoubtedly find an ardent response and approval in the hearts of the whole of advanced humanity. The pack of Hitlerian fanatics possessed by the delirious idea of world supremacy constitutes a deadly danger for mankind and civilisation. All freedom loving peoples must join the Soviet Union and Great Britain in this struggle against tyranny."—Tass.

SCHOOL CERT. EXAM LEAKAGE

The following statement on the leakages of the 1941 School Certificate Examination question papers was made at the Board of Education monthly meeting by the Chairman, Mr. C. G. Solis:—

"The examination commenced on Saturday, 21st June. On that day information was received from one of the schools that a candidate knew in advance the passage set for Dictation. Enquiry confirmed this leakage and arrangements were at once put in hand to set an alternative Dictation passage to be taken later. On the following Monday, the 23rd June, information from another school revealed that two of the Mathematics question papers were at least partly known to some of the candidates. Subsequent reports from schools on the 24th and 25th June, indicated further leakage.

It was decided on 23rd June to have the examiners set alternative papers for the whole examination and by emergency arrangements carried out in the Education Office it was possible to put these papers into use from the 24th June. The scripts worked on the printed question papers in the subjects already taken on Saturday, the 21st and Monday, the 23rd were discarded and alternative question papers on these subjects were taken later. The examination therefore will have its results based on the alternative papers and not on the printed papers originally set.

As soon as the first information of any leakage was received, enquiries were begun in an attempt to trace its source. Up to the present, however, the enquiry has produced no conclusive evidence."

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PLEDGING OF BRITAIN'S U.S. INVESTMENTS

THE FINANCIAL POWERS (UNITED STATES SECURITIES) BILL, WHICH PROPOSES AUTHORIZATION ON THE PLEDGING OF ALL REMAINING BRITISH INVESTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES AGAINST THE LOAN OF \$425,000,000 TO THE BRITISH TREASURY, YESTERDAY PASSED ALL STAGES IN THE COMMONS AND SHOULD BECOME LAW WITHIN A WEEK.

These assets consist largely of direct participation of British firms in United States enterprises, together with a smaller number of securities quoted on stock exchanges.

Dealing with the Bill in the Commons yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Kingsley Wood, said the loan afforded a satisfactory solution of the difficult problem of how to make the best use of Britain's American reserves for war purposes.

Government was fully aware of the drawbacks of selling direct investments and was reluctant to force available properties on an unwilling market.

Many of these direct investments, moreover, were almost impossible to sell at the present time.

Difficulties

American subsidiaries might be merely selling agents for the British parent company or the ties with the British parent might be so close that if cut away from the parent, the subsidiaries might lose much of their value.

The American anti-trust legislation, moreover, made it frequently impossible to sell such subsidiaries to other companies engaged in the same type of business.

But means of action had to be found and the passage of the Lease and Lend Act did not put an end to the need of solving this question.

Furthermore, although the Lease and Lend Act help was enormous it did not and could not cover all Britain's requirements of dollars.

So long as borrowing, with or without collateral, was forbidden by American legislation, it seemed impossible to find an alternative to outright sale.

R.F.C. Solution

A general solution of all Britain's difficulties was made possible for the first time when the Reconstruction Finance Corporation obtained powers to make loans to belligerent governments against collaterals in the form of American securities, and the agreement which underlay the Bill was the result.

Speaking of the three per cent. interest rate charged on this loan, the Chancellor said: "I would say at once that this certainly cannot be regarded as excessive for a large external loan, however good the security may be."

"It is of course comparable with our own 3 per cent War Loan, yielding £2.19.6 per cent."

The Chancellor continued that direct investments used as collateral included shares of a number of other British-owned subsidiaries besides insurance companies.

\$100 Millions A Month

There was also a block of marketable securities already vested in the British Treasury but not yet sold, together with a block of similar marketable securities in the hands of British owners.

Britain expected to receive about \$100 millions monthly dependent on the proportional amount of collateral being deposited.

Britain could deposit very quickly vested marketable securities owned by the Treasury to cover the first \$100 millions.

Dollar securities of British insurance companies were neither to be sold or pledged. These securities were to be held against the dollar liability of the insurance companies.

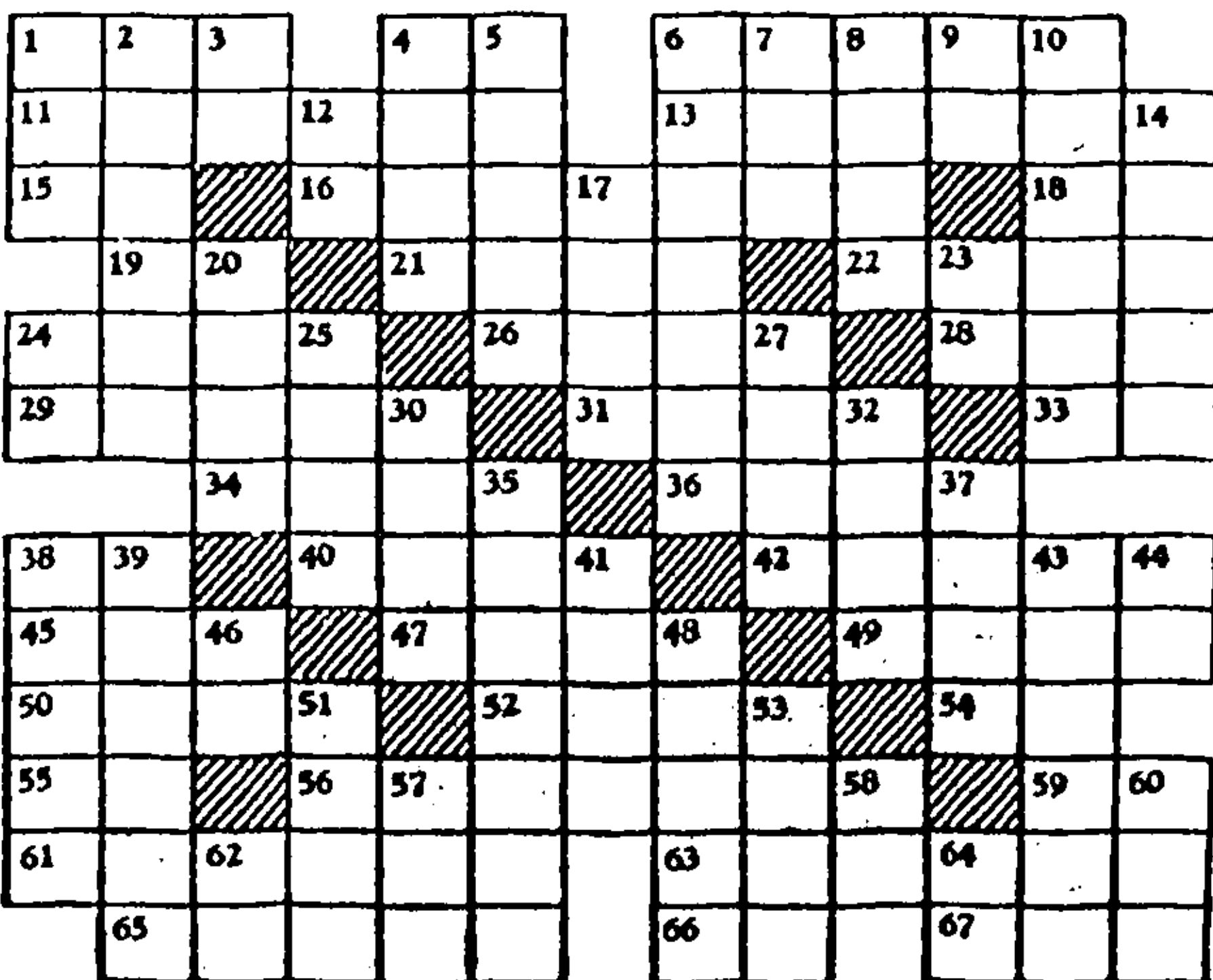
Normal Practice

The conditions of the loan were based on normal American commercial practice.

Dollar income available from deposited securities and from insurance branches was sufficient at its present level to repay the whole loan at maturity.

Estimated yield from collateral and insurance companies was \$38,000,000 annually.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Moslem name
- 4 To exist
- 6 Sedate
- 11 Grecco
- 13 Chest
- 15 Article
- 16 Hidden
- 18 Roman gods
- 19 To leave
- 21 Noblemen
- 22 Highway
- 24 Sicilian volcano
- 26 Eastern college
- 28 Wood of an East-Indian tree
- 29 First digit of the human hand
- 31 Mountain
- 33 Compass point
- 34 To sow
- 36 Part
- 38 Faint notice
- 40 To fasten
- 42 Grasslike plant
- 45 To implore
- 47 Sudden attack
- 49 To merit
- 50 Part of the eye
- 52 To penetrate
- 54 Note of scale

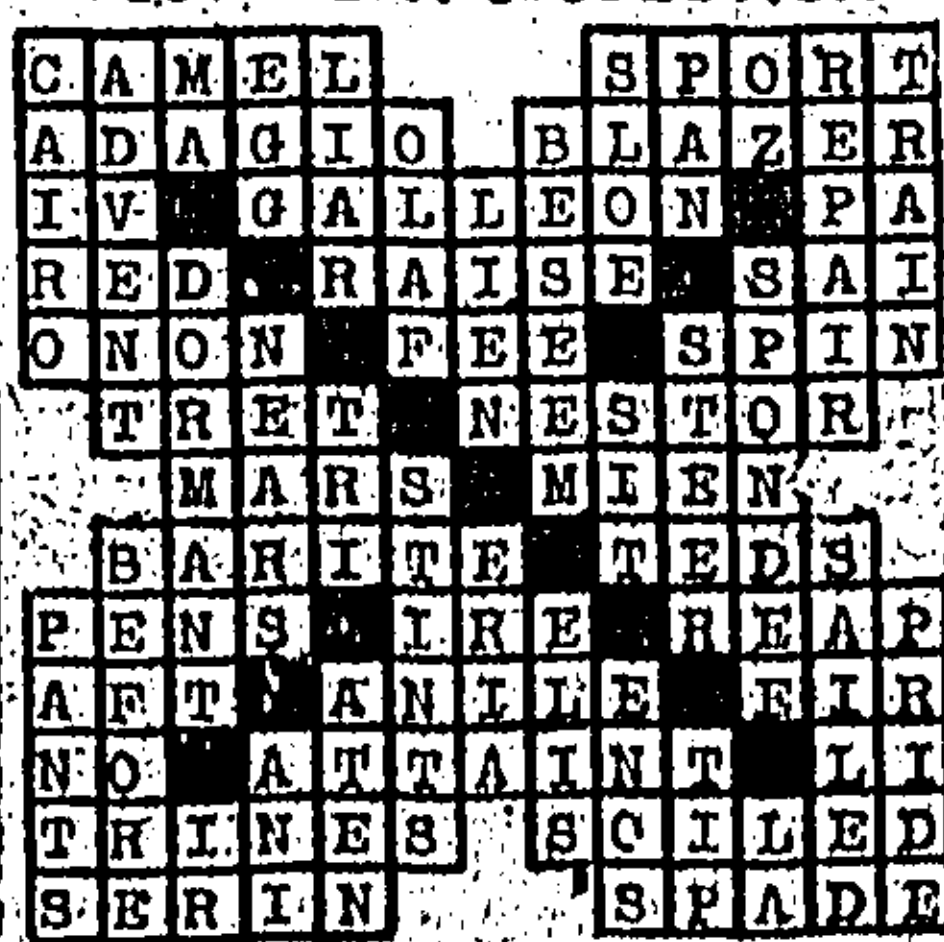
VERTICAL

- 1 Exclamation of surprise
- 2 Extent
- 3 Italian article
- 4 Infant
- 5 Attempt
- 6 Oarsman
- 7 Craggy hill
- 8 The south-west wind
- 9 Whether
- 10 Gallery for spectators

VERTICAL

- 12 Witness
- 14 Raised strip
- 17 Ill-tempered person
- 20 Burden
- 23 Periodic windstorm
- 24 Latin conjunction
- 25 So be it
- 27 God of love
- 30 To carry
- 32 Merriment
- 35 Chart
- 37 Dutch cheese
- 38 Borders on
- 39 Not in possession
- 41 King of beasts
- 43 Whets
- 44 Printer's measure
- 46 Earth goddess
- 48 Sediment
- 51 Land measure
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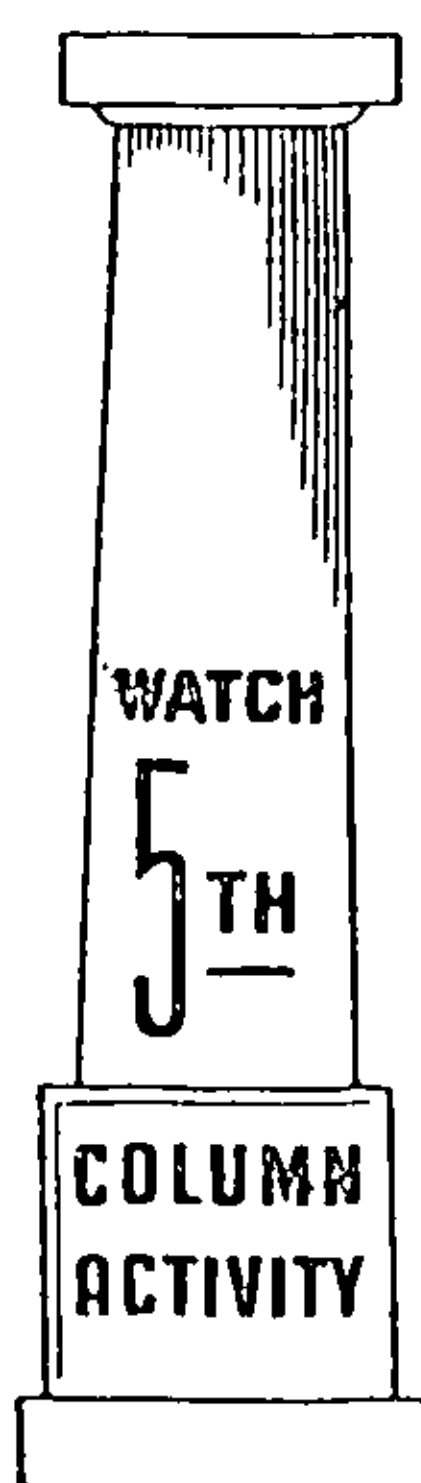
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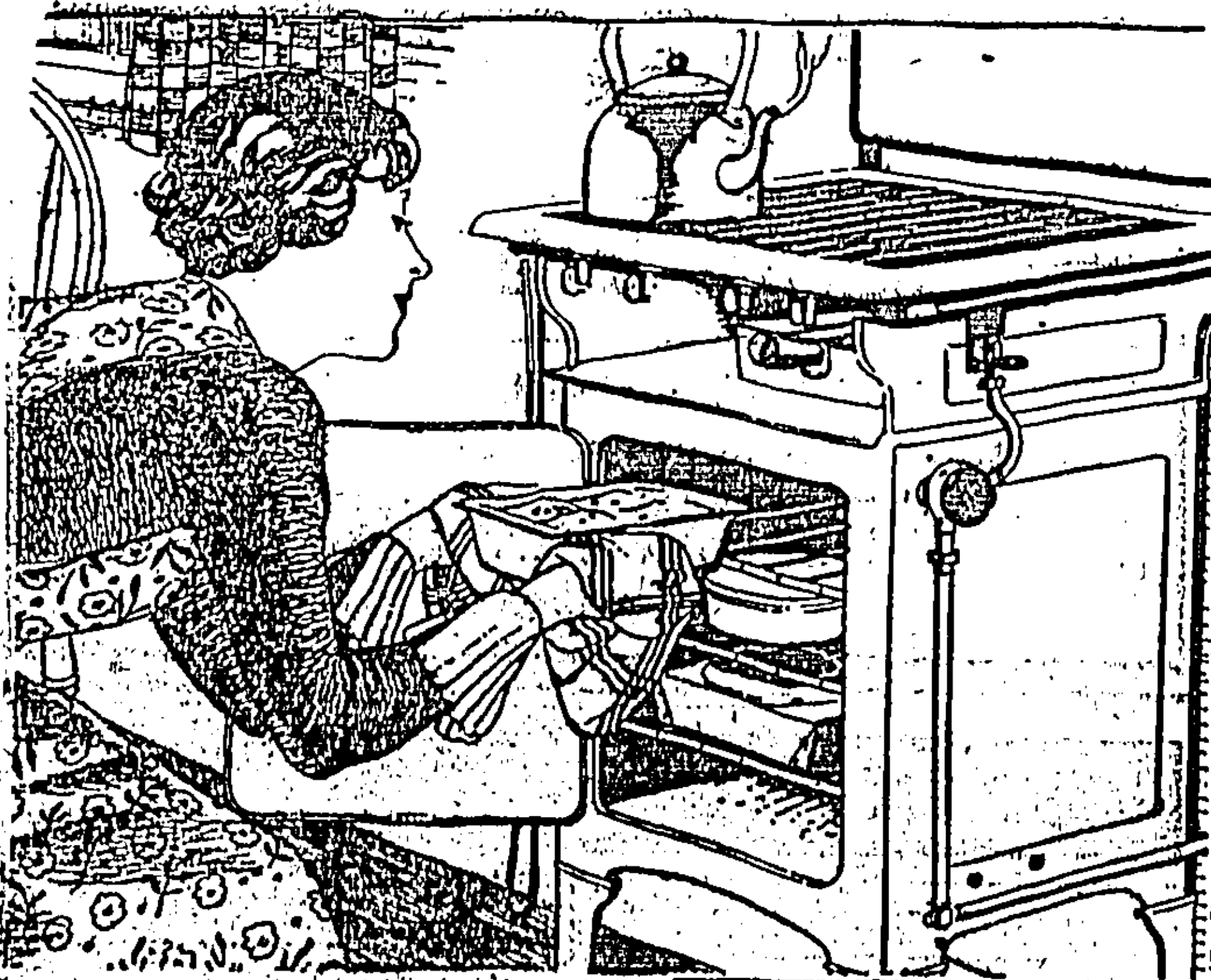
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AERIAL WAR IS TAKING ON NEW FORMS

AIR WAR THIS YEAR WILL TAKE ON NEW FORMS, WRITES THE AIR CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH." NEW TYPES OF AIRCRAFT WILL BE ENGAGED AND THEY WILL EMPLOY NEW TACTICS; FOR TACTICS ARE LARGELY DETERMINED BY THE AIRCRAFT.

Numerically, most students of the position believe that the Royal Air Force, while still being less strong than the Luftwaffe, will be at less of a disadvantage than in 1940. The technical balance is more obscure. Yet it is likely that technical quality will be the decisive factor in the tremendous clash that must soon come.

Single Engines Faster

The Tornado is a single-engined machine, and there are many experienced designers who assert that it is always possible, other things being equal, to make a single-engined aircraft faster than a twin-engined. We may, therefore, expect the Tornado to be faster than the twin-engined Whirlwind. Whereas the original Focke-Wulf and the Whirlwind might come in about the same speed class, the Tornado may be assumed with confidence to be a good deal faster.

A recent report, however, has given the Focke-Wulf two newer and higher-powered engines. With these it is said to be 30 or 40 miles an hour faster than in the original version. If that report is true and as yet it is entirely unconfirmed, it will come into the same class as our best fighters for speed.

My own view is that we shall not see many Focke-Wulf fighters just yet, and that these machines will not be giving their best performance until the end of the summer. By then our new fighters will have been developed and will be faster than they now are.

In every field of aeronautical progress development counts more than origination. It is by the hard and intricate process of development that we started ahead of the Germans in the quality of our air force equipment and it will be by the same means that we shall remain ahead.

Less Sure On Climb

Fighter speed around 400 miles an hour will be common by the summer, and the British machines should be superior to the German in every class. On fighter climb I am less confident that we shall establish a commanding lead.

The Germans have undoubtedly done useful development work on climb and on high flying in general. Part of their success has been attributed to their use of direct-fuel injection. On this some work has been done by the Royal Aircraft Establishment. A Junkers Ju 211 D direct injection engine was compared with a Rolls-Royce Merlin X, and as a result the experimenters concluded that the direct injection gave no advantage over the carburettor for high flying. It is recalled that the aeroplane height record, which stands at 56,046 ft., was a carburettor.

Whatever may be the facts as to the two methods of engine feed, it is clear that the Germans have developed the high-flying qualities of their aircraft and have made the Messerschmitt 109 perform at a height far better than it did at the beginning of the war.

Our engineers have also been studying the problems of high flying. The chief difficulty seems to be that the aircraft which is fast low down and in the middle heights is not well suited to high flying. Wing loading is a factor, though the German fighters are mostly more highly loaded than ours.

In high flying and in the powers of manoeuvre at height it is important that the Royal Air Force should be well equipped. The present trend suggests that eventually, specialised high-flying fighters may become necessary, but new types of aircraft cannot be produced quickly. Certain modifications to existing types might suit them for high flying. It is not solely a matter of engine performance.

Range

After speed and height comes range. Range is to some extent

interchangeable with load, and is the factor which affects the military efficiency of the bombers. At the outbreak of war, again, Britain enjoyed a commanding lead in the range of her bombers. The Wellington bomber with a range of more than 3,000 miles was the most notable case.

In November and on February 16 last British aircraft demonstrated their range capabilities. In November a bombing raid was made on the railway station at Danzig, a distance of about 1,600 miles out and back, and in February the leaflet raid on Katowice and Cracow was made, a distance of about 1,750 miles.

It is, of course, easy to carry leaflets great distances. But in fact our bombers could carry bombs on an operational flight of that range. So far the Germans have not shown that they can make equally long flights, nor does what is known of their bomber performance suggest that they could make them except with a few of their newer types of large bomber.

Finally, something may be said about the tactical significance of performance. It is clear that the faster the aeroplane the better its chances of catching the enemy. It is equally clear that the greater the climbing abilities of the aeroplane the better its chances of making contact with the enemy.

In air combat the technical element is of overwhelming importance. It is essential that the aircraft should be capable of outperforming its opponent if it is to overcome it in combat.

Great Requirements

Speeds of 400 miles an hour, heights of 30,000 and 40,000 feet, and ranges of 3,000 and 4,000 miles—those are the requirements of the present day. A great responsibility rests upon our designers and engineers, for they must keep us ahead of the enemy in the design of our aircraft. The success of the R.A.F., no matter how courageous and skilful its pilots, still rests, as ever, upon the technical equipment with which it is supplied.

A great trust falls upon our aircraft engineers and the aircraft manufacturing shops. Whatever happens, they must not fail. They must ensure that our pilots and aircraft crews are furnished with aircraft which are as markedly superior to those of the enemy during this critical summer as during the summer and autumn of 1940.

It may well be that the outcome of the great air battles of 1941 will be decided not so much by the numbers of aircraft which are engaged on each side as by the technical merits of those aircraft.

Our heroic pilots last summer tackled enormous odds without hesitation. That was because they were courageous and daring. They broke up huge German formations and fought the enemy to a standstill wherever they could make contact with him. That was because their courage and daring were backed up and reinforced by superlative technical equipment.

Engineers Played Part

The unimaginable drive and fury with which the men of the Fighter Command handled their machines were derived from the laboured considerations of our engineers and the conscientious skill of our craftsmen.

A bad pilot in a good aeroplane is useless; a good pilot in a bad aeroplane is much better; but a good pilot in a good aeroplane is the guarantee of victory in the air.

Reports of new British aircraft coming into action or shortly to do so have been fairly frequent of late. Among the new fighters there are the Westland Whirlwind and the Hawker Tornado; among the new bombers the Short Stirling and the Avro Manchester.

Concurrently rumours leak through of new German aircraft. Among the fighters there is the Focke-Wulf 187 and among the bombers a new Dornier and a new Junkers. There is also the Focke-Wulf four-engined commerce-raiding aeroplane, which has already been in use on the western approaches from the Atlantic.

Detailed performance figures of these machines are not yet available. Some of the machines are still in process of development, and few of them are yet giving the best that can be got from them. But there are also the modifications of existing types the Mark III, Spitfire and the Mark II, Hurricane; the re-engined Messerschmitt 109 and Messerschmitt 110. These may be said to be near the peak of their possible development.

Importance Of Speed

It is useful to look at the figures that have become available; for though they are very incomplete, they serve as some sort of guide to the trend of technical progress on both sides and to the probable performance margins.

First of all there is speed, the prerogative of the interceptor fighter. It may be laid down as axiomatic that the short-range fighter, given equal merit in design, will be faster than the long-range fighter. Those who call for long-range fighters sometimes forget this. The aircraft with a duration of two hours will completely outdistance the one with a duration of seven hours. Any special devices that might be applied to the long-duration aircraft to build up its speed can also be applied to the short-duration aircraft and will have more effect there.

The Spitfire, which was then the fastest military aircraft in service in the squadrons in any air force in the world, entered the war with a maximum speed of 367 miles an hour. It has subsequently been modified in many ways. The Rolls-Royce Merlin engine has been boosted to give more power. The result is that the Mark III Spitfire is faster. It has been stated that it does over 400 miles an hour.

The Messerschmitt 109 was, and still is, slower than the Spitfire. The Messerschmitt 110 (which is the twin-engined machine) is also slower. There is no sign that either of these German machines, whatever their new engines may give, will be able to out-speed the latest Spitfire. They may, however, have slightly closed the gap.

The Heinkel 113 was originally supposed to be the fastest German fighter but in practice it seems to have some disadvantages and not to be giving the expected results. It also may be placed below the Spitfire in speed. A comparison of existing types, with their new engines and other modifications, therefore, leads to the conclusion that the Royal Air Force, in this class, will retain technical superiority this year.

In the new types we have to consider the Focke-Wulf 187 and to compare it with machines like the Whirlwind and Tornado. The 187 has two engines, each of more than 1,100 horse-power, and its speed is said to be over 300 miles an hour at 20,000 feet. Note that this speed is below that of the Mark I Spitfire. We may safely assume that it is below that of the Tornado.

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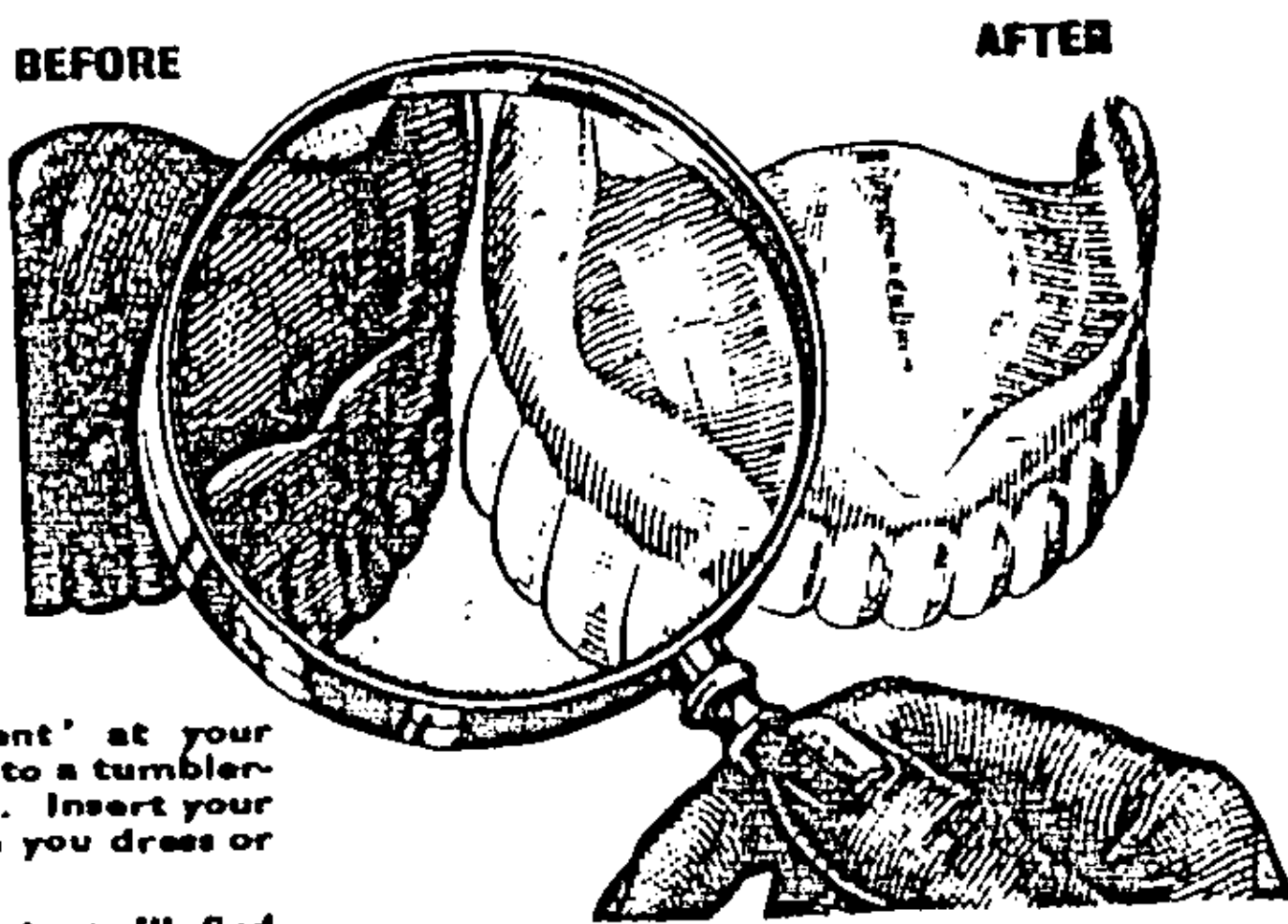
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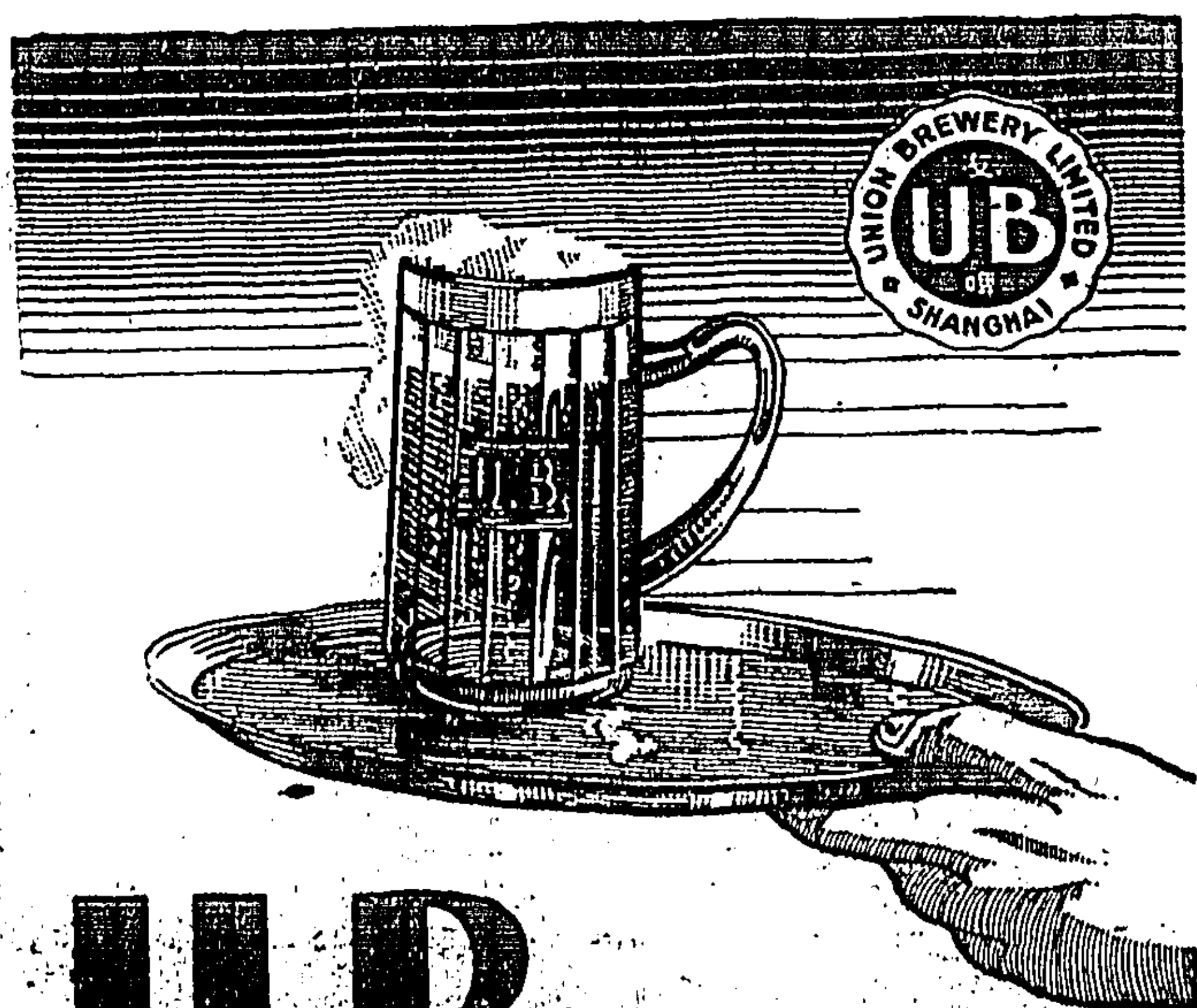
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NORWEGIAN'S ESCAPE FROM TYRANNY

THE THRILLING STORY of the escape of a young Norwegian from his native country, now occupied by the hated Germans, and an account of his subsequent journey to Shanghai, from which city he left a few days ago to join the Norwegian Air Force now being trained in Canada, was given by Mr. K. A. Persen, well-known commentator in Shanghai over Radio Station X.M.H.A.

By interviewing the intrepid young Viking, who risked his life to escape from Nazi tyranny, Mr. Persen was able in his broadcast to give an eyewitness story of what is really happening in Norway to-day and to expose as lies German propaganda stories from that country. The talk follows:

"Once more I had the good fortune of interviewing one of my countrymen on his way through Shanghai to join our Air Force in Toronto. As you may know considerable numbers of my countrymen have succeeded in escaping from occupied Norway and the risks they take in so doing are by no means small. Some have crossed the borders into Sweden and many have crossed the North Sea in small row boats to England and Scotland. Many have even sailed across the Atlantic in order to be able to fight against the Nazi oppressors. If any proof is needed of the hatred felt by the Norwegians for the Germans the fact that these men are willing to risk everything for a chance of fighting their country's enemies should be sufficient.

"For obvious reasons I am prevented from giving details such as names and locations since, in the great majority of cases, these men leave behind them relatives in Norway. Each one of them in a few weeks or months has lived through experiences which will some day form thrilling volumes of adventure.

Obstacles No Hindrance

"Since travelling within Norway is severely restricted by the Nazis it is difficult in itself in many instances to even get close enough to the border from which an escape can be made. But to these determined young men obstacles do not seem to matter in the least. On the very night after my friend arrived at a certain place near the Swedish border he set out across the ice in pitch darkness headed for Sweden. At times he had to wade knee deep in water since the ice had already begun to thaw. And all the time he was faced with the danger of falling through.

"Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning he was rewarded by finding his feet once more on dry ground. He had arrived in Sweden, the first stop safely accomplished in his exciting and dangerous journey. And just in time since the very next day the ice was breaking up. As a political refugee he was then taken to a camp, but after having been detained for three or four days he was once more given his liberty and proceeded to Stockholm.

"Then the difficulties in connection with obtaining a visa for the journey through Russia began. This was finally secured, and one morning as dawn was breaking my friend found himself looking down upon the Swedish landscape from a plane bound for Moscow.

"After another but brief delay in the Soviet capital, one night with the lights of Moscow disappearing in the distance, he was winging his way across Russia towards the Far East. He was not the only Norwegian in that plane. Several more of my countrymen, imbued with the same spirit and having only one aim in view—to fight Nazi Germany—were his companions.

Although every day saw the distance between their country increased by thousands of miles it remained as near to them as on that pitch dark night when they left its soil to start wading through slush and water across to Sweden.

"But despite the fact that they had all left everything they care for it was a happy crowd that watched the great continent of Asia speeding past below them. I am sure that their ancestors, who themselves made innumerable dangerous voyages through the centuries, must have looked

down with pride from Valhalla on these young descendants of theirs who were as willing as themselves to brave dangers and hardships.

In Scarred Chungking

"And so one day they beheld the Yangtze and the bomb-scarred city of Chungking below—another citadel of freedom. Here they received a royal welcome from the members of the British Embassy whose care of them could not have been better had they been Britain's own sons. They had an opportunity of witnessing how Chungking and its people had stood up against ruthless bombing for almost four years.

"After some days in the capital of Free China they found themselves once more in the air looking down on the mountains of Szechuan. The next stop was Hong Kong. My friend described to me vividly the feeling of freedom which seemed to increase gradually as he left his occupied country behind. Some times, he said it was almost incredible for them to believe after months of oppression and regulations and the Nazi contamination that they were actually free to do what they liked.

"And although the journey meant practically a trip around the world with every passing day they felt that they were getting nearer to the time when they could wing their way across Norway and give the Germans back some of their own medicine in the form of bombs—the only language these people are capable of understanding.

"While I was talking to my friend I showed him a copy of the local Nazi 'Noon Extra' containing two telegrams from Oslo. After he had read them he burst out laughing in a manner that would have made even the local Dr. Ley blush. I do not know which cable made him laugh the most. But a stronger refutation of the Nazi lies as contained in this sheet you could not have wished for. One cable dated Oslo, July 11, informed Norwegian 'volunteers' for Finland that the medical examination for the first 'volunteers' would be extended for a period of 10 days.

The "Hird"

"He said: 'They might just as well extend the period for 10 years.' And then he related a typical incident which not only proves from what sort of individuals the 'hird' is made up but also illustrates forcibly the feeling even of the 'quislings' when the question of joining up to fight for Germany is raised. My friend said: 'Immediately after Quisling had launched his appeal for recruits for the 'Nordland Regiment' several of the 'hird-men', thinking that the appeal was directed at them, replied instantly by resigning from the National Union.' This happened not only in the home province of my friend, but in many other places in Norway. Of course their resignation from the National Union did not help to reinstate them in the good graces of the Norwegians, but on the contrary made them the laughing stock of everyone.

"The other cable published in block letters by the local Nazi sheet under an Oslo date line of July 10, was even more funny to a man who has only recently left occupied Norway. It stated: 'Henceforth no meat

will be served on Tuesdays and Saturdays in Norwegian hotels and restaurants. A decree to this effect was issued by the Norwegian Government in order to guarantee the meat supply of the Norwegian population.' My friend said: 'There is only one piece of truth in that telegram. Whatever meat might be left in Norway will be guaranteed by that decree to go only to the Nazis. But,' he added, 'no Nazi decree is necessary to ensure this because the fact of the matter is that meat has been unobtainable in all the cities of Norway for Norwegians for many months past, and we all know perfectly well that the only people in Norway who can obtain meat are the Germans and the 'quislings.'

Nazi Losses

"I have told you before something about the Nazi losses in Norway. I am going to give you just one incident to prove how great they were in proportion to our own. During one battle in one of the Norwegian valleys the Norwegians counted more than 200 German dead and their own losses had been one—one man. I could of course give you the name of the place including the names of many who took part and various other particulars, but such things have to be left to some future date since I know the mentality of the Gestapo too well.

"My friend being himself a student told me a lot about the most aggressive front against the Nazi in Norway—that of the Norwegian students.

"In their campaign against the invaders he said that these young men are continually taking great risks.

"The Nazis have tried to form a new student union in Norway named the N.S.S.F., the National Union Student Fylking (the actual translation of 'fylking' is phalanx). In order to induce the students to join this union the Nazis are offering all sorts of privileges and advantages. They have for instance built students homes, and for students of the poorer classes they are arranging for part time jobs of various kinds, jobs which are paid very well. These jobs consist of insignificant positions serving as a screen for the actual financial support they receive. For instance a job as a night watchman (and the Nazis need a number of them) may be paid as much as 10 kroner an hour. In spite of these attractions they have not succeeded in obtaining many new members since any student who joins this organisation becomes a marked man and this boycott is a very serious thing indeed in Norway. His former friends will shun him like poison. No one will think of greeting him and in every respect he is ignored. To prove how extensive and deadly this boycott is the Nazis have had to build a special home in Oslo for the members of the 'hird' simply because these fellows can not show themselves any more even in their homes.

Quislings In Sweden

"And it is not only in Norway that the 'quislings' are looked down upon and despised. Soon after my friend arrived in Sweden an old Swedish pilot in one of the coastal cities related this incident to him. It happened on one of the Swedish trains. One day a group of young Norwegian 'hird-men' in their 'quistling' uniforms was travelling through Sweden, bound for the only country they could be bound for, Hitler's German Reich.

"The Swedish waiter was not in sympathy with any Nazis no matter what nationality and did not hesitate to show his feelings. When these young individuals ordered drinks he refused to serve them.

"One of the 'hird' then said: 'You don't seem to like uniforms here in Sweden.' The waiter replied: 'We have no objections in general to uniforms, but when they are worn by traitors we certainly don't like them.' The young men did not receive their drinks. Incidentally my friend informed me that the general feeling amongst the population in Sweden is extremely bitter against their government's policy and that everyone he met in that country was doing his utmost to assist him.

"The 'quistling' went to a lot of trouble in Norway to choose a traitor that would be real Norso (Continued on Page 12)



COMRADES THREE. Pat Twohill, Chips Rafferty and Grant Taylor are featured in Charles Chauvel's romance of the Australian Light Horse, "Forty Thousand Horsemen", now showing at the King's Theatre.

FIRST FULL STORY

HOW THE ANZACS STRUCK AT NAZI PICKED TROOPS

(From RONALD MONSON)

MILE BY MILE, YARD BY YARD, FIGHTING THE TERROR OF MASSED DIVE-BOMBERS, FIGHTING THE ONSLAUGHTS OF HITLER'S PICKED STORM TROOPS, THE AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALANDERS IN GREECE CARRIED OUT ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT REAR-GUARD ACTIONS OF ALL TIME.

Their forces as a result remained intact around Mount Olympus. Between Olympus, Salonika and Monastir were scores of blown-up bridges, dynamited roads, blocked valleys.

Here is the epic story of these warriors of Empire:—

While the small force that had been sent to Monastir to help the Yugoslavs was battling with the enemy, another Australian force was holding the Verrai Pass, south-west of Salonika, with units in position on both sides of the slopes.

Too Right

They barred the way for a week. Then the order to withdraw came.

They fought in the passes until many dropped from fatigue. Ambulance men told me that the men were given cups of tea and fell asleep until they were roused by the medical officer with "Sorry, old man, but you've got to get back to the job."

The Diggers would struggle awake, grin, and with "Too right! I'm ready for them again," would move back into positions.

A New Zealand transport driver told me how stirred he was to be fighting again in line with the Australians.

"We're Anzacs this time," he said. "It did me good, when I picked up some of your boys in the pass, to see the way they carried wounded New Zealanders, whom they had brought across the mountains on their backs."

"They were gentle as mothers with them. It nearly made me cry to see it. They were out on their feet themselves, too, but when I saw them the next day preparing new positions they were as cheery as ever."

Mowed Down

A young Lieutenant from Melbourne said:—

"The main attack began on Easter Sunday."

"The Germans came over under cover of artillery and tanks. Their fire power from automatic arms was intense."

"Our chaps mowed them down, but they kept up the attacks all day."

"We were driven off one position, but retook it very shortly afterwards. Our boys were very cool. New Zealanders alongside us dealt out terrible slaughter."

"We were ordered to withdraw, as the Greeks had been forced to re-form their line south of Grevena."

A private from Rainbow, New South Wales, telling of the same battle, said:—

"The Germans tried all sorts of stunts to get through us without fighting, but we tumbled them. I reckon we killed 20,000 in the fighting up to here."

"It was very cold in the snow, especially coming direct from the desert, but the boys stood it well."

Driven Back

"I would like to say a word, too, about the Army Service Corps blokes. The way they drove a'one the roads, machine-gunned and dive-bombed all the time, was simply marvellous."

The day's heavy fighting and the rigours of withdrawals over terrible country to a reformed line left the victors of the Western Desert with the highest spirits, and cheerful grins on their still battle-grimed faces.

Another officer, telling of the Monastir Pass fighting, said that despite repeated attacks by vastly superior numbers of the enemy equipped with machine-guns, automatic rifles, trench mortars, tanks, and large quantities of artillery, the Aussies drove them back repeatedly during three days of fighting.

He went on, "We had taken up positions eighteen miles from the Yugoslav border when the Germans invaded Yugoslavia. On Good Friday we moved forward to new positions, just reaching them two hours before the Germans arrived."

Nazi Dodges

"We saw them rushing up buses and dashing into the cornfields on the plain below us. The first shot of our artillery struck a bus-load of them, sending them sky-high."

"It was then 5 p.m. It started snowing heavily as night fell. German patrols came up through the mountains, trying to locate our positions by pretending they were Australians."

"They tried such dodges as calling out in good English 'Come on, Steve,' 'Put that rifle down.'"

"They also roamed through the darkness jabbering in Greek."

"At first some of our lads fell for it, and a few were captured before they could fire."

"I heard that some of these Germans wore Australian uniforms."

FAMILY TRADITION SINCE WATERLOO

Eighteen-year-old Haverford Silvester Ward, whose forefathers have served in the Army since Waterloo has been refused enlistment in the R.A.O.C., armourers' branch, as a regular soldier, on the grounds that he is not yet 19. His case is to be raised in Parliament by Lt. John Morris, Cons., Salford, who is to ask the Secretary for War, Capt. Margesson, if he will reconsider his decision in view of the fact that Ward can strip and do repairs to a Service rifle, is an expert shot, is a member of the Home Guard, and wishes to make a career in the Army.

"SPIRITUAL OPERATION" ON WOMAN

Charged with fraud, a 60-year-old quack doctor named Chang Hsiang-fah, alias Hu Kwang, faced the First Special District Court in Shanghai and was remanded in custody for a week pending further investigations. An accomplice was also detained by the court but a third alleged accomplice was released on bail.

Accused, who was sentenced some time ago by the same court to eight months' imprisonment on a similar charge was arrested at his "office" in Lane 334 Burkill Road following a complaint made by a Cantonese woman.

Accused was alleged to have performed a "spiritual" operation through the help of Buddha on the woman, who has been ill for some time. She paid \$20 as the first instalment of \$80 but she was not cured. Instead of some medicine, the woman was said to have been given some ashes of incense which she was asked to cook in water with some sugar. She took the "holy" medicine but soon she realised that she had been defrauded. The police are investigating as accused might have similarly victimised other sick persons.

INDO-CHINA BANK TO OPEN IN JAPAN

The Bank of Indo-China has just been authorised by the Japanese Government to open a branch office in Yokohama, following the recent economic agreements signed between Japan and Indo-China.

It is considered natural that the bank should establish a branch in Japan where it has never had an office until now, and thus to contribute to the strengthening of economic and financial ties between Japan and Indo-China.

The manager of the Yokohama branch will be M. Jacques Got, Inspector of the Bank of Indo-China, who came out to the Far East in 1911. He will be assisted by M. Georges Bouvard.

The address of the new branch is 53 Yamashita-cho, Nankai, Yokohama.

FATAL BOMB FIND

Raymond Partridge, a 13-year-old Cardiff schoolboy, was killed when a light bomb, which had been concealed in an Anderson shelter at the back of the house, exploded.

The bomb had been picked up by boys who, unknown to their parents, hid it in the shelter.



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Far Eastern news will not now be contained in this edition, which will be devoted entirely to reports of local happenings.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, the 26th July, 1941, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Room No. 205, 2nd Floor.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

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NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 4th AUGUST, to MONDAY, 18th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary & Assistant Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th July, 1941.

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NOTICE OF CALLS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a Call of \$1.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue allotted on 3rd July, 1941, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and that such Call will be payable on the 30th day of September, 1941.

NOTICE is hereby also given that the Directors have made a further Call of \$2.00 per share upon all the members holding shares of the 1941 Issue whether allotted on 24th January or 3rd July, 1941, and that such further Call will be payable on the 6th day of January, 1942.

The abovementioned Calls will be payable to the Bankers of the Company, the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN V. BRAGA,
Acting Secretary.
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4. LECTURE

Mon. 28th July. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room, Officers. By Major C. de S. Robertson, M.M. No. 2 Lecture Room, Q.M.S.'s, Assistants & Unit Clerks. By S.Q.M.S. F. C. Young. Subject Pay Duties in the Field.

Tues. 29th July. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room, Officers. By Major C. de S. Robertson, M.M. No. 2 Lecture Room, Q.M.S.'s, Assistants & Unit Clerks. By S.Q.M.S. F. C. Young. Subject Pay Duties in the Field.

Monday — Corps Art. Mob. Coln. No. 2 Coy. No. 6 Coy. A.S.C. Coy. and Fd. Amb.

Tuesday—Remainder. Auxiliary and Reserve Units may attend either day. Note books and pencils will be brought.

6. N.C.O.'s COURSE—THOMSON SUB M.G.

Mon. 28th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Blys. Firing on Kennedy Road Range.

Wed. 30th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Air Arm, Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 7 Coys. Firing on Kennedy Road Range.

Fri. 1st Aug. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. 5th A.A. Bty. Mob. Col. Nos. 1 and 4 Coys. Firing on Kennedy Road Range.

Dress for above—Overalls, full web equipment, S.D. caps.

6. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

1. Command & Posting

Captain C. W. I. Cole will perform the duties of O. C. 4th Battery w.e.f. 17.7.41.

Lieut. D. McLellan will perform the duties of O.C. 3rd Battery w.e.f. 17.7.41.

II. Lectures & Course of Instruction

Mon. 28th July.

Signalling Class Squad "A".

H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufli.

Thompson Sub M.G. Class. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufli, Overalls.

Those detailed.

Pay Duties in the Field. See para. 4 above.

Wed. 30th July.

Lecture by Major W. Morgan, R.A. "Decontamination of equipment." No. 1 Lecture Room. 5.45 p.m. All Officers to attend. Dress—Mufli.

Signalling Class. Squad "B".

H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Dress—Mufli.

Fri. 1st Aug.

Thompson Sub M.G. Class. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. 5th A.A. Bty. as detailed. Dress—Mufli, overalls, full web equipment, S.D. caps

III. 1st Battery

Tues. 29th July. No parade. Officers and N.C.O.'s lectures and signal class see C.A. Orders above.

Orderly Sgt.—Bdr. Wilson.

Next for duty—Bdr. Smith.

IV. 2nd Battery

Tues. 29th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. R.S. No. 2 and B.O.P. L.S. D.E.L. and all absentees K.I. on 16th and 22nd. Dress—Mufli. Kit Inspection.

Wed. 30th July. 5.30 p.m. Scandal Point. L. Sec. Layers. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps to be carried. Revision.

Thurs. 31st July. (i) 1.45 p.m. H.Q. L. Sec. No. 2. Fatigue Party. (ii) 2.15 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. 1/2 day training. Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training.

v. 3rd Battery

Mon. 28th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. (i) Those detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap and Web equipment. Thompson Sub M.G. instruction. (ii) Those detailed. Dress—Mufli. Signalling Class.

Tues. 29th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. All members. Dress—Mufli. Talk on recent manning.

Thurs. 31st July. 2 p.m. H.Q. All members. Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training.

vi. 4th Battery

Tues. 29th July. 2.45 p.m. H.Q. All Secs. Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training. Training at Pak-shawan.

Wed. 30th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. As ordered. Dress—Mufli. Changing kit or equipment.

Thurs. 31st July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Gun detachment. Dress—Overalls, web belt, frog, S.D. cap. Rifle and Squad drill.

vii. 5th A.A. Battery

Tues. 29th July. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 1 Sec. Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training. Training at Sai-wan.

Wed. 30th July. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Mufli. Lecture.

Thurs. 31st July. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. No. 2 Sec. Dress as laid down for 1/2 day training. Training at Sai-wan.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

Mon. 28th July. 5.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Mufli, overalls to be brought. Musketry instruction. Kit inspection for all whose kit was not inspected on 24.7.41.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Beauty Spotlight

Tanned skins, gay eyes, turbaned hair, bright lips! Which do you notice first? Bright lips of course, for the other three force the spotlight on your mouth. Are your lips starting as they should this summer?

What shape is your mouth? Don't moan with anguish if it is not a perfect rosebud. Women are now being individualists about lip shapes. They accentuate their natural lip beauty or change it drastically by painting the outline most desired. Or they set out to remodel their mouth completely through exercise.

Before you change your lip outline consider your feature. If your face is small and delicate, your mouth should not be large or it will look out of proportion. Cultivate a fragile, charming personality and paint your mouth with pretty shades of rose.

If nature has given you a mouth too large for your face then go nature one better and narrow it by painting thicker lips in the centre, and leaving the corners free of colour. A deeper colour will be required for this—a vivid, really red or orange red.

A mouth too small for a wide face is easily made to appear larger. With a steady hand, a lip brush and a bright lip colour you extend the outer part the corners and above and below the natural line. Blot the colour once with talc powder over it lightly and paint again. Thus your "new" mouth will keep its shape!



Spotlight your mouth with a fascinating rascal red, applied in smooth outline, to contrast your summer's tan.

To Change Your Expression

A mouth grows lazy and droops unless you do something to keep its expression sweet and alert. Exercise is the thing to banish drooping corners. Force the corners of your mouth up into a half-smile—not in a Cheshire Cat grin—but a gracious, sunny expression. Hold this expression whenever you are not eating or

talking until it becomes an unconscious habit. At first practice before a mirror. When you acquire a pretty expression, close your eyes and learn to "feel" it.

If you work under high tension and your lips have a tendency to tighten, practice this relaxing trick. Open your mouth wide as if you were yawning. Stretch your lips wide. Then instead of closing them together tightly, keep them slightly parted. It takes practice

to get over the fish-out-of-water expression stage, but keep trying. Soon you will be able to almost close your lips in the most fascinating expression!

If deep lines from nose to mouth mar your beauty take to blowing feathers about the room. Relax once in a while and then blow again. Soon you can blow without the aid of the feathers. This will prevent your lower cheeks from sagging.

Beautify Your Legs

Nicely tanned legs, free of superfluous hair, are to-day considered a must for the perfectly groomed summer belle. Short skirts, sheer hose, and bare-legged play fashions, naturally make legs pretty prominent. And unless they are smooth they are not lovely to see.

Leg charm and allure may be had by a weekly wax depilation which is quick, painless, odourless and harmless! (And the same wax may be used on arms and face.)

This safe depilatory comes in a tiny double boiler all ready to put

over a flame for melting, and you keep the wax in the container between treatments.

When melted the wax is applied to the leg in wide strips with a wooden applicator. It dries in a few moments and is peeled off with a quick pulling, leaving the leg smooth and free of all excessive hair. Frequent treatments have a tendency to discourage the growth of hair and you will notice that it is easier to remove as the summer progresses.

As a companion piece to the depilatory, there is a tube of rich skin cream which is massaged on-

to the freshly cleaned skin to make it soft and lovely. It serves also to banish any slight irritation which the treatment might cause.

The only trick to this method is learning how to grip the end of the wax strip and quickly yanking it off the leg. Slow pulling can be a bit painful!

Never, of course, apply the wax on legs which have been sunburned. The meticulous beauty makes her legs lovely to look at before she goes out under the sun instead of when she comes home!

Seams In Place—Legs Straight

As your legs are about one-third of your height it is quite natural that they receive critical scrutiny so do see that your hose seams are kept in place and that your legs do not become bowed. Correct walking habits prevent crooked legs and improved walking habits help to reshape legs which have grown slightly bowed. Learn to walk in easy, graceful, well-balanced rhythm and be certain your shoes are well fitting with heels in good condition.

Whenever you can give your feet exercise by going about the beach or lawn without shoes and stockings, and by exercising them at home as suggested a day or two ago in this column. It pays to work all year around for leg and thigh beauty as styles to-day make it difficult to conceal unlovely limbs!



A depilatory wax is applied when warm with a wooden spatula. After it dries a quick pull removes it from the leg leaving the skin delightfully smooth.

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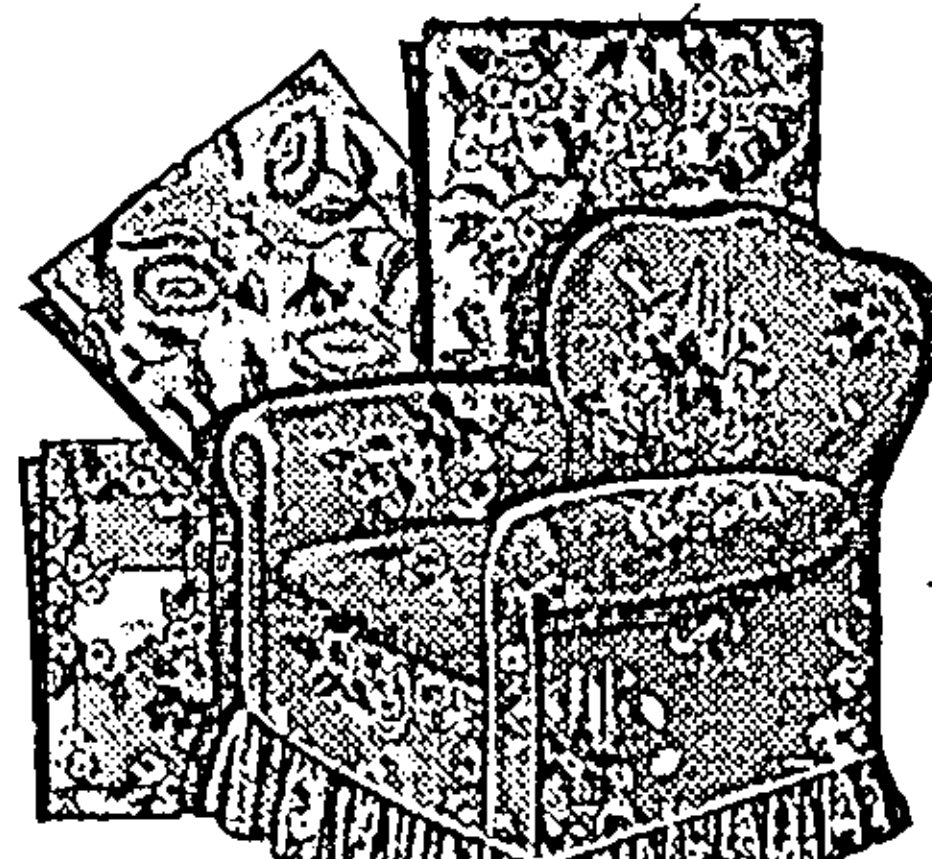
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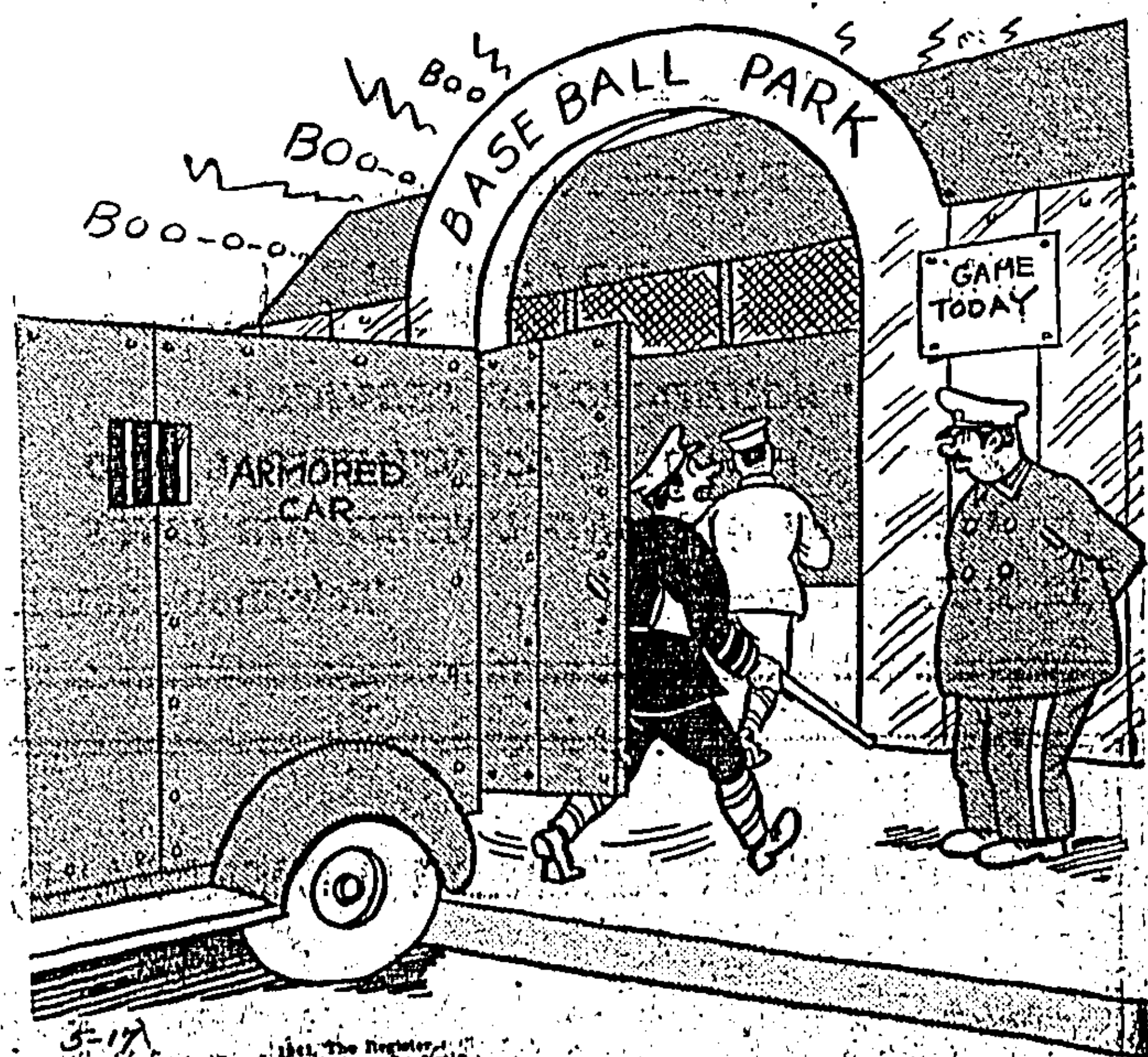
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Variety with The Mills Brothers.
Vocal Quartet—Put On Your Old Grey Bonnet (Murphy, Wenrich); Sleepy Head (from film "Operator 13"—Donaldson and Kahn)...The Mills Brothers and a Guitar.

Xylophone & Organ—Xylophonia (Green); Octarimba & Organ—Lady of Madrid (Evans & Others)...Joe Green & Milt Herth (Organ).

Vocal—Missouri Waltz (Eppel, Logan, Shannon); When The Bloom Is On The Sage (Howard, Vincent)...Bing Crosby Instrumental accomp.

Organ Solo—Water Boy (Arr. Waller)...Fats Waller.

Vocal Quartet—Strawberry Fair (Engram); Three Little Fishes (Dowell)...The Mills Brothers & a Guitar.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Compositions of Ivor Novello. Primrose (from "The Dancing Years")...Roma Beaumont with Ivor Novello (Piano).

Waltz Of My Heart—Waltz: I Can Give You The Starlight—Waltz (from "The Dancing Years")...The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Shine Through My Dreams; Fold Your Wings (both from "Glamorous Night")...May Ellis & Trevor Jones (Vocal) with Orchestra.

"Crest of the Wave"—Selection—Intro: Rose of England; Mazurka; If You Only Knew; Clementina; Haven of Your Heart; Why Isn't It You; Nautical; Tango; If You Only Knew The Drury Lane Theatre Orch.

Bless You...Derek Oldham (Tenor) with Herbert Dawson (Organ).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Popular Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Ferry Boat Serenade; Maybe...Billy Cotton & his Band. Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile Again; Quick-Step—I'm Nobody's Baby (from film "Andy Hardy Meets a Debutante")...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—With The Wind And The Rain In Your Hair...Bob Chester and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Man Who Comes Around...Billy Cotton & his Band. Waltz—Alice Blue Gown (from film "Irene")...Wayne King & his Orch.

Fox-Trots—Ma—He's Making Eyes At Me; Playmates...Dick Robertson & his Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.

1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Allegro scherzando...Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

7.20 p.m.—Songs by Oscar Natzke (Bass).

"Honour and Arms"—Samson (Handel); The Village Blacksmith (Longfellow—W. H. Weiss).

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Offenbach.

Orpheus In The Underworld—Overture...Lucerne Kursaal Orchestra.

"Helen"—Sleep On...Winnie McVillie (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Gaiety Parisienne—Ballet Music: Overture & Torteau—Gallop—Grande Valse—Finale...The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eftem Kurtz.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—London—Special Broadcast to the British Forces in the Far East.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal. Programme Summary and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—A Programme of Folk Music.

English Folk Songs and Dances—Intro: John Barleycorn; Admiral Benbow; As I Walked Through the Meadows; Bingo; Dashing Away With the Smoothing Iron; Nancy's Fancy; Drunken Sailor; Bacca Pipes Jig; O! Wally! Wally! Heave Away My Johnny; Barley Mow; The Crystal Spring...Regimental Band of H.M. Irish Guards.

Had A Horse ("Hungarian Folk Songs"—Korby); Shepherd; See Thy Horse's Foaming Mane (Korby)...Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Piano.

Happy Swiss Memories (Arr. G. Betz)...Swiss Ensemble cond. by G. Betz.

Two Russian Folk Songs—Old Pachon; The Three Sons (Arr. Jaroff)...Don Cossack Choir cond. by Serge Jaroff.

Two Interlinked French Folk Melodies (Ethel Smyth)...Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

Creme De Minthy (Irish Jig—Arr. Margerison); Salterello (16th Century Netherland Tune—Arr. Taubstein); Nicolas Furlong's Jig (Irish Jig—Arr. Miller)...The Pipers' Guild Quartet.

9.30 p.m.—L'Accordeonist Depriac and His Orchestra.

Manola Ma Bruno—Paso-Doble (Gaston Claret—Roger Vayasse); Tarentelle D'Un Salt—Step (Roger Vayasse)



An optimist is the city dweller who thinks a day in the country is a cure for all ills.

—Rondot; Joll Pinson—Polka Accordeon; Tirol—Java Accordeon (A. Depriac).

9.42 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The Hill Billies.

When the Moon Hangs High (Florito, Bullock & Wenrich); The Hobo's Spring Song (The Hill Billies); Pop-Eyed Pete (Kennedy & Carr); When That Harvest Moon Is Shining (G. A. Stevens); Good-Night (Wood, Bibb & Conrad).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Pon Corn Man; Sissy Milt Herth Trio.

Quick-Step—If I Were Sure Of You (from film "Cotton Club Parade"); Waltz—Love Serenade (from film "Let Freedom Ring")...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Shake Down The Stars; The Starlight Hour...Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Soft Winds; Memories of You...Benny Goodman Sextet.

Quick-Step—Dancing Is Another Name For Love (from film "Come Out to Play"); Slow Fox-Trot—No Souvenirs...Mantovani & his Music for Dancing.

Tangos—La Tablada; Mala Junta...Bernardo Alemany et son Orchestre Argentine.

Quick-Step—The Lady Is A Tramp (from film "Babes in Arms"); Slow Fox-Trot—There'll Never Be Another You...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Rumba Fox-Trots—Mama Inez; African Lament...Don Azpiroz & his Havana Casino Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Bel Ami...Jean Vaissade et son Ensemble Musette.

Quick-Step—Where the Blue Begins Waltz—Love Stay In My Heart (both from film "Top of the World")...Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—London—"Old Mother Riley Takes The Air".

12.00 midnight.—Close down.

NORWEGIAN'S ESCAPE FROM TYRANNY

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and above all 'Germanic.' They have tried their best to prove that their greeting "Heil og sael," which translated literally means "Heil, All Hail and Welcome," was used in the olden days by the Norwegians. But unfortunately for them in the case as in several others their choice of slogans has acted as a boomerang. It would be difficult indeed to imagine anything more telling and more damning than the discovery that "Heil og sael" is used in the Landsmaal edition of the Norwegian Bible. (Landsmaal is the common form for the writing of the different dialects.) This Quisling Nazi slogan is moreover used in a place of Scripture which more than speaks for itself.

"This is an exact translation of the passage: 'Then the traitor walked over to Jesus, kissed him and said: 'Heil, All Hail and Welcome.'"

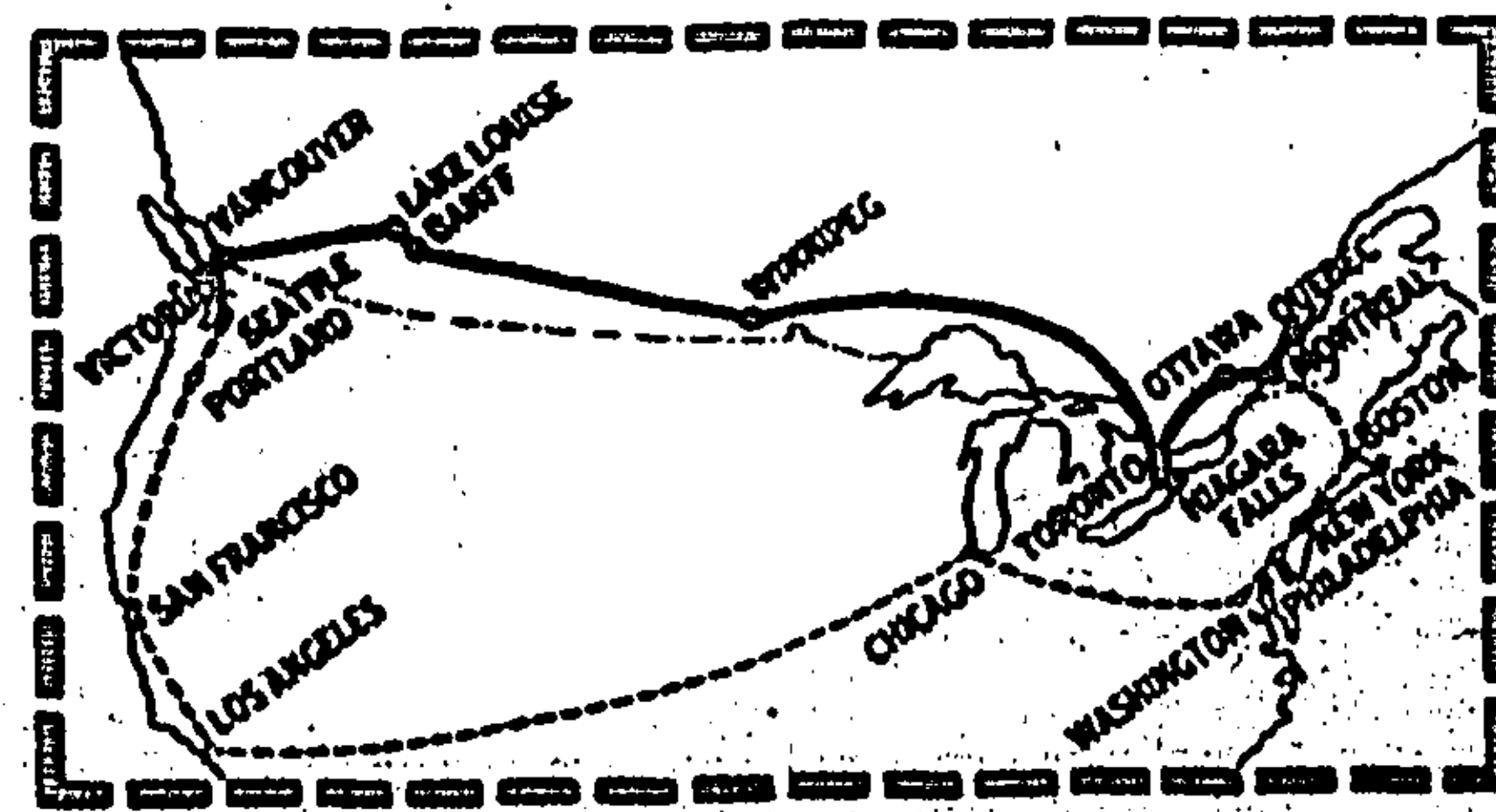
"When a Norwegian drew the attention of one of the 'quislings' to this passage of the Scriptures this individual became excited and shouted: 'This has to be reported, this has to be reported.' 'It remains to be seen,' said my countryman, 'whether the Nazis dare to add this edition of the Norwegian Bible to the list of banned books in Norway.'"

A Greeting

"To you, my friend, who this evening on board an American Liner are bound for the great North American continent and your sacred duty I want to send this greeting: Thanks for the message of faith and courage which you brought to me—a message which all lovers of liberty throughout the world should heed. While men such as you live on the Banner of Freedom shall never be trampled upon. May our fathers' God speed you on your way, and may you ever keep aflame that sacred torch in your heart, that torch which will guide free men of all nations and creeds to Victory in their fight for The Four Freedoms. I shall ever carry with me the firm clasp of your hand and the bright message of hope from our beloved homeland where the rays of the midnight sun now shed their light over a land and a people that has lost none of its former glory. A land in which your people and mine fight a silent but indomitable struggle for their age-old Rights. And I shall never forget your parting words: 'And of a certainty we shall meet some day in a free Norway.' On that day, my Norse Viking, our country and its people will welcome you and every real Norwegian with that welcome which is only extended to those who know where their duty lies and who are willing to carry out that duty as free men have always done and will ever continue to do."

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Bomber Over Germany

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clear weather prophesied for the "other side" had materialised. I peered around and below me. For a moment or two I could see little. Then as my eyes began to readjust themselves I began to pick out features on the ground below. A small river, a darker patch of forest, even a thin ribbon of road. We cruised around for a while trying to get a definite pin-point. At last we found it; we knew where we were. Barely three miles from our target, the city and seaport of Bremen.

I looked at the altimeter: 13,000 feet. The temperature was down to 10 centigrade (14 degrees Fahrenheit), but I didn't feel the cold for the moment. My hot-air pipe, a sinuous length of rubber, more like an elephant's trunk than anything outside a zoo, but far more useful in an aeroplane, was tucked securely inside my jacket and blew its comforting warmth all around me. My fingers and toes were well protected and my nose was snugly buried inside my mask. In any event, action was upon us.

There is something vaguely undignified in travelling backward, something of the sheep led to the slaughter. I knew what was going on up in the front, but I was not even a passive spectator of events which could so radically affect my history. Pilot and navigator were both peering down, seeking ahead for the first sign of our target. As yet neither had seen anything. My inquiries over the intercom (telephone) had elicited grunted negatives. Actually I was the first to realise that we were nearly there. As I gazed idly through my windshield, watching the moonlit landscape slide gently below me, I saw a sudden flash of orange flame on the ground. Four or five seconds later a huge star seemed to burst asunder under the line of our tail. Good shooting for first shot; it was barely 400 yards behind us and very accurate for height.

"Natives appear unfriendly," I yelled through the intercom.

"Much of it yet?" came back Tim's voice.

"Only one so far, about 400 yards behind us, but right in our street."

The plane banked steeply as we slid down, 1,000 feet to starboard. Good old Tim. Few pilots I knew could jink on to a target so surely. Jinking is a process of manoeuvre whereby an aircraft alters height and course, swerving as it were, up and down and from side to side, during its approach to the target. Such a manoeuvre deceives the ground defences, which demand for their accuracy that an aircraft fly a steady course and height. The next shot, indeed, was nearer to us, if still behind, but high above us in the sky.

Thereafter I tried to enjoy the fire-work display. It is not uninteresting—provided always it is not too near. One speculates on where the next shell will burst!—one speculates, for want of anything better to do, as an air-gunner. In sound-controlled shooting the Germans were doing well. I had seen no searchlight, though probably there were many ahead. I craned my neck outside my screen to see.

The icy wind tore at my head, filling my eyes with tears. Nearly 200 miles an hour is well above gale force; but in my quick glance I saw ahead of our plane many long pencils of silver light, pale against the moonlit sky, swaying gently and slowly, yet menacingly inquisitive. Behind us more soundly up around us. They were coldly beautiful. Gradually four or five began to converge and sway in our direction. It was as though we were being stalked by the elements. They came nearer, hesitating a little, but ever more sure. My mind and my body began to tense. How long before they found us? Tim was still weaving his skillful way in the German sky. He was not making it easy for them.

Our exact target was an enormous shipbuilding works and machine shop among the docks, in the northeast corner of the town. Those docks, long straight arms of water, were easy to pick out in the moonlight and in relation to them we could pinpoint our target most accurately. We had all seen it at once. Now was the testing time. Accurate bombing depends upon accurate flying—course and height must be burning warehouses could be steady. And it is during those

few critical minutes of running in smoke cut off first one corner, then another: higher up, thicker smoke clouds reflected the terrible red glow. Punctuating it all were the flashes of the anti-aircraft guns and occasionally the large bursts of bombs.

Truly the scene was infernal: our jubilant comments became subdued. From time to time we could see the sparkle of a new shower of incendiaries: fresh fires flared. Older fires merged into one another. Sometimes a roof would collapse and a burst of sparks and flames, vivid even in that chaos of fire, would shoot upward. Sometimes some vast combustible store would erupt in an awesome explosion. I was glad I could remember St. Paul's churchyard and blasted Coventry.

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"Now for it," I heard Tim yell. George, our navigator and bomb-aimer, came back "Dead on line. Hold this course."

"I'm gliding in," Tim replied.

The plane tipped gently under me and I was staring into sky. The line of the ground had disappeared from my view. It is impossible to sense speed in such a position, but I knew we were diving earthward probably at something over 300 m.p.h. A moment later, the noise of the motors quieted. We were gliding down, dropping hundreds of feet every ten seconds. No one spoke. I felt my ears paling. The sudden increase in atmospheric pressure was already noticeable. I held my nose tight and blew it hard. My eardrums swelled outward and the pain ceased. I glanced at my altimeter. We were down to nearly 6,000 feet. Tim would be pulling out in a moment. Barely had the thought entered my mind when I felt the slight straining as the machine began to flatten out. Almost at once the motors sprang into roaring life.

"Watch for 'em," yelled George. "They're away."

Scores of incendiaries and tens of hundreds of pounds of high explosive had dropped silently into the night sky below us. In a few seconds that weight of metal would crash to earth.

Already I was on my knees, hands gripping the sides of my screen as I peered downward. Below me, the earth spat orange flame from innumerable points. Should I see the bursts? My job was made no easier by the fact that Tim had banked violently. He was beginning his jinking again—and high time too. For around us had become alive with strange fires. The light ack-ack was after us. Streams of tracer bullets, ranging in colour from orange to greenish yellow, were floating up towards us. They travelled up so slowly, and fell back toward earth in a pretty fountain of fire for all the world like eruptions from a giant Roman candle. I tried not to notice them.

By now I was looking through the side window only, for Tim had banked so steeply that I feared we might slide-slip. I tried to focus on that blacker patch of darker ground between those arms of visible water that enclosed our target. I felt something must have gone wrong. Surely it was five minutes since the bombs fell? The intercom was silent. Then, with an electric suddenness, a vast splash of light winked at me from that shadow patch, another and then another. The bombs had fallen in a close stick, right across it.

"Plumb dead centre!" I yelled excitedly through the intercom. "Three bursts seen. Fourth probably in water just at edge of quay. Good shooting, George!"

"Any fires from the incendiaries?" was all George answered. "Give them and me a chance," I replied. "How can I see anything while Tim careers about the sky like a blasted plover?"

For the next half-hour we circled high above the city. Some things primitive and rather frightening inside me leaped in response to what I saw. Bremen's dockland was an inferno. Even from 12,000 feet and four or five miles away, the long lines of burning warehouses could be picked out. Billowing banks of

smoke cut off first one corner, then another: higher up, thicker smoke clouds reflected the terrible red glow. Punctuating it all were the flashes of the anti-aircraft guns and occasionally the large bursts of bombs.

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Winds of cloud hurtled by. Soon we could see banks of it to the west. The cold was very severe. We shot into the cloud long before we reached the Dutch coast. After the bright moonlight, the gray mist was depressing. Our singing ceased. Ice began to form. Very soon the controls were stiff and awkward, the plane heavy with frozen droplets of mist.

Rapidly we slid earthward: the drumming pain in our ears began again. We blew our noses, slapped our icy fingers, rubbed our thighs, twiddled toes. Above all, we watched the altimeter. At under 2,500 feet we broke through and Tim straightened out. Blackness below us. Where were we?

A ghostly radiance, bright yet menacing, filled my cabin. I needed no telling what it was. One or more searchlights held us in their beams. Tim yelled unrepeatable words. Even as he yelled, up came the tracer. Machine-gun stuff, I thought. He jinked and jinked: the light held us with unwinking certainty. I knew what Tim would do: it was perhaps best. There was a long slow climb to safety in the cloud again. Dive and attack—it was Tim's way.

Down we went, straight down the beam. I was in shadow. My turn would come. I opened my windshield and knelt up. My hands grasped the butts of my guns, my two forefingers curved round their triggers. I waited, peering through my sight. My turn came. With a sickening wrench the plane was pulled out of its dive. I drew a little breath sharply. The rapidly swinging light had caught us up. I was staring straight down its beam.

Blinded, paralysed, I knelt immobile. I could not move. It is always the same. No one who has never looked into a searchlight from a few hundred feet can ever know quite how awful it is. It is less light than pain: there is no consciousness beyond it. I felt like a roosting pheasant on which some poacher had suddenly flashed the light of his bushy eye. I wanted to drop to earth—and lie for ever still in blissful darkness. Yet something in me stirred a message. That light must go out. An ice-laden, climbing bomber is a sitting target.

Suddenly, above me, I heard the muffled tat, tat, tat of Harry's guns. He, at least was awake to our danger. Suddenly, too, I felt my own guns pounding and kicking under my hands. The sensation called me to myself. That damned light had got into my very muscles. Tat, tat, tat, tat, tat! Long enough. The guns were cold: mustn't overheat them too quickly. Tat, tat, tat, tat, tat. The light wavered wildly and left me. Good. Some of the ground crew hit.

Another burst. I could see better now. That long pencil of silver was pointing away to my right. Slowly it began to swing back. I threw discretion to the winds. My guns roared without break. Indifferently I noticed long silvers of orange tracer zipping past me. They were shooting at me. Indifference—then blind anger. They were shooting at me. At me. At me. I cursed them aloud, shrieking defiance. I felt every cold again. I shot more

carefully—centring on the very source of that light beam that still traversed toward us. The guns bucked and kicked and spat. I followed my tracer. Too high, too low. The rim of that light was toppling down toward us. In another moment it would be on us again. A blinding flash. Then, black pitch beyond.

"Got it," I yelled. "Good work, old man." Tim's voice recalled me to myself. I was conscious of a filthy draft and a filthy smell. The latter came from my gloves which were scorching under the heat of the gun barrels: the former from three ragged holes in the windshield an inch or two above my right shoulder.

Two hours later they lifted me out of the plane and put me to bed in sick quarters. My leg wasn't badly hit but I had lost a lot of blood. The medical officer grumbled at me cheerfully for getting him out of bed, but he dressed my scratch with speed and skill. I dropped off to sleep while still congratulating myself on having escaped the Intelligence Officer.

Joseph Macleod reading it. Our bombers last night carried out a very successful raid on Bremen.

The placid voice woke me. Well, so we did.

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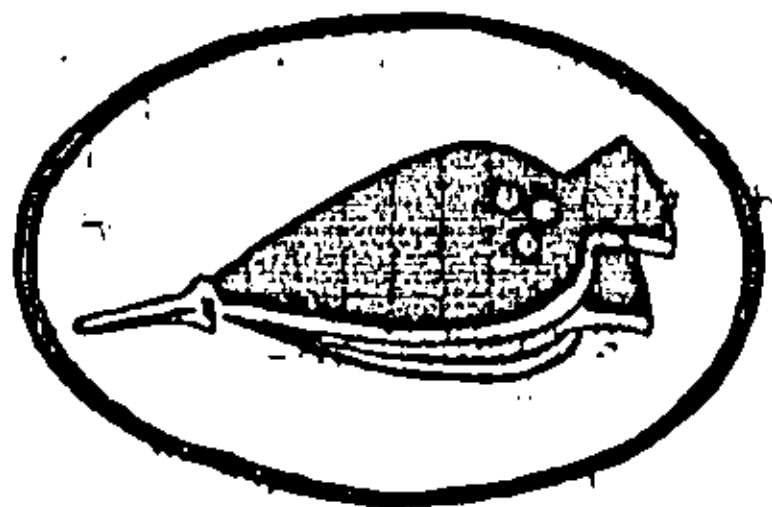
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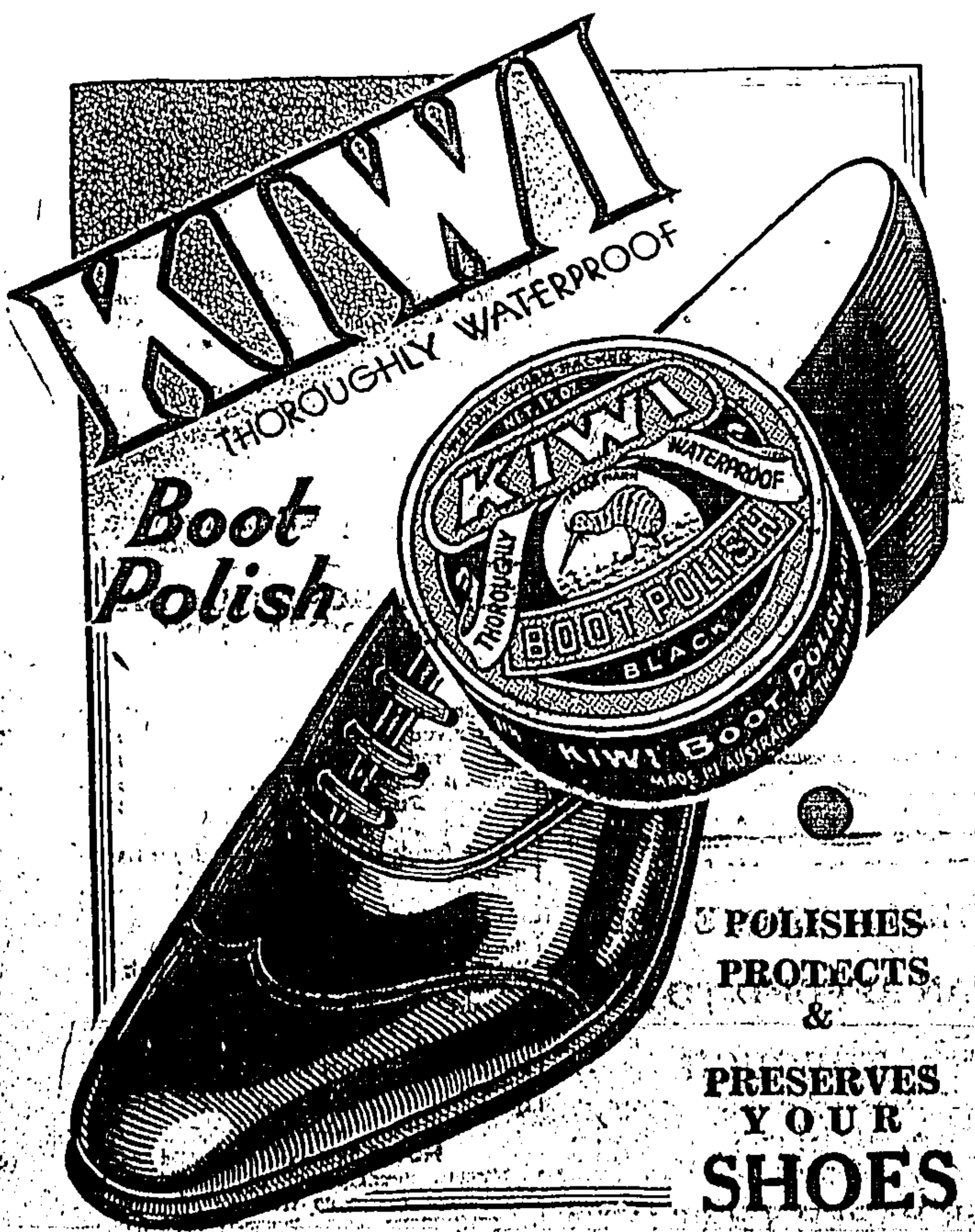
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POLICE MAY BEAT WEAK CRAIGENGOWER TEAM

Visitors Are Pretty Confident Of Winning

K.F.C. MAKE CHANGES FOR IMPORTANT GAME

By "Skip"

BY REASON OF THE FACT THAT CRAIGENGOWER'S TEAM IS CONSIDERABLY WEAKENED BY THE ABSENCE OF COATES, ROSSELET AND K. M. OMAR, THE GAME BETWEEN THE PROSPECTIVE CHAMPIONS AND POLICE BECOMES UNUSUALLY INTERESTING. IF MEMORY SERVES ME WELL, THE LATTER HAVE USUALLY GIVEN CRAIGENGOWER A GOOD GAME AND THE PROSPECTS ARE THAT THEY WILL AGAIN DO SO THIS AFTERNOON.

Police team, I know "Fifth Column" stuff are pretty confident that they can win, and it would not surprise me to see them do so. On the other hand, the match is on Craigengower's green so the substitutes will perhaps not be at such a disadvantage as they would be if playing away.

Recreio "A" and "B" meet and the former have taken the opportunity to experiment with their formation. The changes, I think, have not weakened the team and I expect it to win handsomely.

Kowloon Dock, if they can retain anything like the form — and formation — of last Saturday may be expected to get the better of Kowloon Cricket Club as the game is at Hung Hom. The visitors, I hear, are making some changes amongst their players and if they play as my informant states, the team looks stronger than hitherto.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" visit Civil Servants and anticipate a comfortable win. Their "B" outfit, however, will not face their prospects at Sookunpoo very confidently as the Indians are notoriously hard to beat there. Peckham is skipping again after a week in the "A" team,

and he has his former third man, Sykes, with him.

P.O.C. Favoured

IN Second Division, Prison Officers Club will be out to re-establish themselves in the eyes of their supporters after their lapse against Hong Kong Cricket Club whom they meet again today.

I have not the Hong Kong Football Club's team before me, but I do not think they can field a team to hold Club de Recreio at King's Park.

Kowloon Cricket Club are making some changes in their team to meet Taikoo, I am told, but what they are I have not heard. They may just be able to win as the Quarry Bay men are not nearly as formidable as in previous years. "C'est la Guerre"

Field's Return

Kowloon Football Club have made sundry changes for their important game against Craigengower, against whom they have not yet played as the corresponding programme of matches, due to be played on May 24, was washed out.

Field comes back as skip, whilst Simpson relieves Joe Eastman as three in Kern's rink, from which Walter Naef, who has struck a bad patch, drops out. They should win as their guests are weakened by calls from the first team.

Vital Game

IN Third League, the tit-bit should be at Austin Road, where Indians are visitors. They are second in the League at present, but a match out of hand, so this result may have a big bearing on the final League table — though I am not forgetting Police Club's potentialities. I fancy the home team to win quite comfortably.

Craigengower's visit to King's Park should be interesting, and I tip the home men to get home by a dozen shots or so. "Spotty" Perreira is skipping a rink, I see, he should do well.

Hong Kong Electric, who, I believe, are after my blood, for suggesting that the Police might beat them by a sweep-winning margin last week, are to visit Hong Kong Football Club and I risk their displeasure by indicating a win — a small one, be it noted — for the Valleyites.

And again, I would like to draw Police — against Hong Kong Cricket Club this time. And I wouldn't sell my chance for six dollars either!

CORRESPONDENCE

"Lawn Bowler" — Your letter has not been published because you omitted to give your name. The information has been passed on to "Skip" Sports Ed.

Now that Stanley Leonard, H.B. first baseman, is no longer interested in baseball, he is again turning his attention to lawn bowls and will be seen as lead to N. P. Karanjia in Craigengower's Second Division game to-day.

SKIP'S FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION	
Recreio "A"	v. Recreio "B"
C.C.C.	v. P.R.C.
K.O.R.C.	v. K.C.C.
C.S.C.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "A"
I.R.C.	v. K.B.G.C. "B"
SECOND DIVISION	
Recreio	v. H.K.F.C.
H.K.C.C.	v. P.O.C.
K.C.C.	v. Taikoo
K.F.C.	v. C.C.C.
THIRD DIVISION	
C.C.C.	v. Recreio
K.B.G.C.	v. I.R.C.
H.K.F.C.	v. H.K.E.R.C.
P.R.C.	v. H.K.C.C.

Open Pairs Results

Further progress was made in Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs championship when three games were played yesterday.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, A. E. P. Guest and T. A. Madar of Kowloon Cricket Club overhauled C. V. Janderson and S. H. Maryin of Prison Officers' Club by 34-9, after scoring at 15 ends.

The Stanley pair led for the only time 3-2 at the third end after which the Kowloon pair had 3 2 1 2 2 3 to lead 15-3 at the ninth. At the 15th Guest and Madar led 20-6 and finished with 1 3 4 4 0 2 to win by 25 shots.

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Recreio Pair Win

At Kowloon Cricket Club, J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez, of Recreio, beat H. J. Bicknell and G. W. Elphick, of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, by 22-10.

The Portuguese pair started with a four. At the 11th they were leading 11-7, and 16-8 at the 14th. The losers then registered 3 0 2 to reduce the lead to 17-13 at the 17th and come within striking distance. The Recreio pair finished with 1 3 1 0 to win by six shots after scoring at 13 ends.

Bicknell and Elphick scored a three at the last end.

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Splendid Rally

A splendid rally by W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen, of Civil Service, in the latter stages of the game enabled them to beat A. A. Dand and W. V. Field, of Kowloon Football Club, by 20-18 at Club de Recreio.

Dand and Field started well and at the 13th end were leading 15-4, but the Valley pair then scored 15 shots at the next five ends, with 3 4 2 2 4, to lead 19-15 at the 18th. The Kowloon pair then scored a two and a single to be led 19-18 at the 20th, but Burling and Rakusen scored a single at the last end to win by two shots after scoring at nine ends.

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SLOAN AND LUNNY IN SEMI-FINAL

In the second round of Electric Recreation Club lawn bowls pairs competition J. E. Lunny and J. K. Sloan, beat W. Macfarlane and E. L. Groomer 21-18.

The latter put up a remarkably good fight and at the 18th were actually leading 10-18. From that stage, however, their play fell off and taking advantage of this, Lunny and Sloan forced home their advantage to qualify for the semi-final.

Blitz and Cyclones shared two goals in a friendly hockey game on roller skates at Ciro's last night. Ansell, for Blitz, and Bajemah, for Cyclones, scored the goals.

ARMY TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

Two matches in "B" Division of Army Tennis League were played yesterday at Sookunpoo, as a result of which Royal Army Ordnance Corps are now bracketed with 36th Battery, Royal Artillery, for third position in the League Tables.

Royal Scots, who are leading with 17 points, were not engaged yesterday, but it is understood they will be playing off some of their fixtures, which had been interrupted by Exercises, next week.

Medicals Win

Royal Army Medical Corps "B" beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 2 points to 1, scores being:—

L/Cpl. Pinder and L/Cpl. Roberts (R.A.O.C.) lost to Pte. Whyborough and Pte. Bright, 5-7, 6-4, 5-7.

Col. MacPherson and Sgt. Adams (R.A.O.C.) beat Sgt. Parkin and Pte. Dunne, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

Sgt. Munton and L/Cpl. Pennington (R.A.O.C.) lost to Q.M.S. Bartlett and L/Sgt. Sheppherd, 2-0, 2-6.

Point Forfeited

Royal Army Service Corps beat the Royal Corps of Signals by 2 points to 1. One of the Service Corps pairs failed to turn up and they therefore forfeited the point. Scores were:—

Young and Weir (R.A.S.C.) beat Pitcher and Tomlinson, 6-4, 6-1.

Martin and Martin (R.A.S.C.) beat Dixon and Spare, 9-7, 5-7, 7-5.

Table To Date

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
24th Battery	18	11	7	11
36th Battery	15	10	5	10
R.A.O.C.	15	10	5	10
Royal Signals	21	9	12	9
12th Battery	6	6	0	6
5th A.A.	12	5	7	5
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
R.A.M.C. "B"	6	4	2	4
Royal Engineers	9	4	5	4
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	4	5	4
R.A.M.C. "A"	6	3	3	3
965th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "B"	3	2	1	2

SOUTH CHINA'S TENNIS WIN

At King's Park yesterday South China Athletic Association maintained their unbeaten records by defeating Kowloon Cricket Club by 6 sets to 3 in a Third Division League Tennis match.

J. Kwok and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.) lost to N. Llewellyn and W. Bebbington 4-6.

beat R. Kloss and D. W. Joyce 6-1.

lost to G. M. Gillard and R. Baker 2-6.

S. Y. Li and H. N. Wong (S.C.A.A.) lost to N. Llewellyn and W. Bebbington 1-6.

beat R. Kloss and D. W. Joyce 6-2.

beat G. M. Gillard and R. Baker 6-3.

K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.) beat N. Llewellyn and W. Bebbington 6-2.

beat R. Kloss and D. W. Joyce 6-3.

beat G. M. Gillard and R. Baker 6-1.

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	5	5	0	0	39 1/2	14 1/2	10	10
A.T.C.	5	4	1	0	32 1/2	12 1/2	8	8
Recreio	5	4	1	0	31	14	8	8
C.R.C. (2)	3	3	0	0	22	5	6	6
C.C.C.	5	3	2	0	28 1/2	18 1/2	6	6
K.R.C. (1)	4	2	2	0	17 1/2	18 1/2	4	4
K.I.T.C.	5	2	3	0	25	20	4	4
K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	16	38	4	4
H.K.U.T.C.	5	1	4	0	16 1/2	28 1/2	2	2
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	15 1/2	28 1/2	2	2
I.R.C.	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0

BASKETBALL TO-DAY

Following have been chosen to represent Trojans in a friendly basketball game against Union Club at Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-day at 5 p.m.: T. Silva, B. Silva, H. Osmund, H. Silva, B. Neves, Poon Kwong-yin, Teck Put-young, C. Figueroa and D'Aquino.

An inter-sectional soccer game between Head Office and Western Depot of the Immigration Office will be played at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow at the Public Works Recreation Club's ground, Causeway Bay.

H.B.'S WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE REVIVES CHUNG HWA PENNANT HOPES

Mindanao To Meet Sappers

Mascavage To Hurl In To-Morrow's Game

By "Grandstand"

WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF HONG KONG BREWERS' RESIGNATION FROM THE BASEBALL LEAGUE BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AT A MEETING LAST NIGHT, THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME HAS BEEN RE-ARRANGED.

South China will meet Chung Hwa Maroons to-day at 2.15 p.m., as previously scheduled, but U.S.S. Minanao have agreed to take on Royal Engineers at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow in place of their game with the U.S.S. Asheville, the latter ship being still away from port.

In the last Chung Hwa-South China encounter, the scuffle dragged into the ninth before a decision was reached, when "Grandpa" Leung's clutch single chased in the winning tally. Since then "Grandpa" has been steadily building up his side, whilst the front office have acquired power-hitters Wally Ching and Hank Chan to strengthen a tottering batting department.

With the flag race thrown open again as a result of Hong Kong Baseball's surprise victory over the pennant-clad Mindanaoans, there is talk in the Chung Hwa camp of a postulant year.

Hong Kong Brewers having renewed Chung Hwa constitute the biggest threat to the Maroons, being even with the League leaders. The Asheville Tulsa combination, breaking even in their two games played to date, is also a challenger for the title.

First-stringer Al Lau will probably be given pitching chores, with Bill Chang at the receiving end. Hank Chan will cavort around the initial sack, with Pete Choy and Wally Ching around the middle cushion. Willie Woo will guard the "Hot Corner." "Morocco" Chan, Ken Lo and "Spees" Shum will be the gardeners.

The taste of victory still in their palates, Nam Hwa boys have been injected with a new spark of hope to climb out of the cellar, where they had been comfortably ensconced since that sunny afternoon in early June when they were over-run by Sappers.

The shaky infield has been patched up by the acquisition of "Shorty" Pau, who is down to guard the windy alley, shifting Nel Ma to the other side of the key-stone. First-base will be a toss up between Ernie Moy and Pat Wong, whilst "Texas" Ng will be seen at his old spot around the far turn. Ng, who has been recently causing pilot Hal Winglee to go on an aspirin diet, has been busy during the week smoothing the kinks out of his old soup-bone Gardner Willie Kwan, whose stick-work has been of considerable assistance to the Caroliners, will be out of the line-up. David "Dopey" Lo patrolling the right pasture in his place. "Skeeter" Pang and Cecil Winglee will roam the left and centre patches, whilst super-rookie Jimmy Chung is down as utility.

Opening battery for the Caroliners will be Paul Lau and Hal Winglee. Outfielders down for this tilt are Lou Pawloski, Jimmy Welford and Tony Mascavage.

Mascavage To Pitch

To-morrow morning the merry Mindanaoans, still roosting at the top of the pile despite their sensational defeat last week, take on Royal Engineers.

Still nursing a sore arm, Lou Pawloski, the Patent Polack, will be doing his utmost for this tilt, assigning Tony Mascavage to the hill for the tussle, whilst Bowersox has been given custody of the initial sack in the infield reshuffle. Henry "Crooner" Ruel remains in the short-stop gap, whilst mentor Lou Pawloski hints at a mystery third-base discovery.

With the exception of Ratcliffe, the former Sapper flash, who will be out of the line-up, Welford will field his regular team. In view of Mack Shaw's brilliant hill-work during the last few turn-outs, he will probably draw the lot to work on the hill, switching Bob Foley to first-base. The rest of the infield will be Welford, at second, Mickey Sarsfield, at short, and Gray at third-base. Fly-chasing ball-hawks will be "Honest" Tom Fox, Jonah Jones and Cork.

H.B. LEAGUE RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

The resignation of H. B. from the League was accepted by the General Committee of Hong Kong Baseball League yesterday, when a specially convened meeting to consider the resignation was held under the chairmanship of Dr. F. J. Molthen.

It will be recalled that H.B.'s withdrawal from the League, followed the League's refusal to grant postponement of their game against U.S.S. Mindanao on July 12.

The meeting, for sometime, developed into general expressions of opinion regarding the situation resultant on the resignation of the Club concerned, and it was not until Mr. P. K. Lau, of Chung Hwa, proposed that a vote be taken on the matter that any headway was made.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. D. Leonard, representing H.B. Club, narrated the circumstances which led to the application of his club for a postponement. Allegations were made against the Hon. Secretary regarding the manner in which he had dealt with the whole matter, but the chairman asserted that the official concerned acted in the proper manner.

H.B., however, claimed that their application was not considered on its merits and alleged that the Hon. Secretary did not endeavour to get in touch with Mindanao to inform them of their request.

Manson's Status

This was followed by a lengthy discussion as to whether C. Manson had been officially registered as an H.B. player, and in this connection Mr. Roy Lau, Hon. Secretary, said that the player mentioned was registered by Mr. D. Leonard. The Hon. Secretary added that although Mr. Leonard had no official status in the League he was generally regarded as captain of H.B., and the application for registration of Manson was signed by Mr. Leonard.

H.B. held that since Manson had not been registered on the written request of the Hon. Secretary of H.B. his resignation was null and void, and that in those circumstances H.B. could not have fielded a full team as suggested by the League.

Mr. H. Barros enquired if Manson had received his players' registration card, and, on being informed in the affirmative, said that the player must be considered officially registered under the circumstances.

Further arguments revolved on the request of H.B. for a postponement, and it was pointed out that the Committee held that illness was not sufficient grounds for a postponement.

Mr. H. Winglee said that as the matter concerned Mindanao most, it was only fair that Mindanao's views in the matter be ascertained. Mr. Pawloski said that the constitution of the League was definite that illness was no ground for postponement, and he saw no reason why the previous decision of the committee should not be upheld.

Fawloski's View

Mr. Welford, Royal Engineers, enquired why H.B. did not attend the meeting when the question of postponement was discussed, and Mr. Tonnochy of H.B. said that his club had made a reasonable request and saw no reason why he should attend. It was pointed out that he would then have had an opportunity to place his case to better advantage before the Committee.

On the proposal of Mr. Winglee, seconded by Mr. P. K. Lau, it was decided that the only matter before the meeting was whether the resignation of H.B. be accepted or not. Mr. Welford pointed out that should the committee refuse to accept the resignation of H.B., which was on the proviso that the H.B.-Mindanao match be replayed, there might be a protest from Mindanao.

H.B. Stand Firm

Before the committee took a vote H.B. were given an opportunity to withdraw their letter of resignation, but this was not done, Mr. Tonnochy stating it was dependent on the decision of the Committee regarding the postponement.

In a last frantic endeavour to come to some equitable arrangement, H.B. were asked to accept the proposal that the original line-up suggested by the last committee be played against Mindanao if the match was replayed. This was refused by H.B.

After further deliberation the committee decided to accept H.B.'s resignation.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE WARNING

The Football League issued a warning to London Clubs yesterday saying that they must fulfil the fixtures originally agreed upon or else they will cease to be members under the Articles of Association.

The League meeting followed the decision of London Clubs to break away and arrange their own fixtures and competitions, owing to the distances they would be called upon to travel by the fixtures arranged by the Football League.—Reuter.

HIS MAJESTY'S SUN CHARIOT WINS AGAIN

His Majesty's unbeaten filly Sun Chariot scored its third triumph of the season at Salisbury yesterday when, going out a 5-4 on favourite in the six furlongs Amerbury Stakes, it beat Kolo by 10 lengths with Shah Rookh, the two year-old Spring Stakes winner, third.

Salisbury is proving a happy hunting ground for His Majesty, whose colt Big Ame has gained three of four wins there.

Kolo's price was 9 to 5, while Shah Rookh, second favourite, was quoted at 6 to 4. Harry Wragg rode the King's horse.—Reuter.

GORDON RICHARDS' ST. LEGER HOPES

Gordon Richards, champion jockey who broke a leg earlier in the season stated yesterday he hopes to be able to ride in the St. Leger on September 6.—Reuter.

DID YOU KNOW?

On an attempted steal, if the catcher makes a perfect throw to second base but nobody covers the bag and the ball goes into centre field, either the shortstop or second baseman is charged with an error, depending on the batter. If the hitter is left-handed, and therefore apt to hit toward right field, the shortstop is given the error, and vice versa.

Strange as it may seem the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of Hong Kong Baseball League have no voting powers.

A three-day swimming gala sponsored by the Chung Sing Benevolent Society, in aid of the refugee relief fund, began last night at the pavilion, Kennedy Town. The programme comprised an exhibition of breaststroke by Li Fo-yuen (South China), backstroke by A. K. Runjahn (V.R.C.) and diving by L. Roza Pereira (V.R.C.). There were no competitive events. It will be continued to-night and to-morrow.

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CHUNGKING STATEMENT

Significant Tokyo Spreading Of Rumours

BRITISH EXPERTS FOR USSR

THE MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY IN LONDON HAS PLACED TWO MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL OFFICERS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

They are Professor W. M. Thomas, who is Professor of Engineering at the University of Wales, and attached to the Department of Research and Experiment of the Ministry of Home Security, and Captain L. M. Glasson, M.C., of the Ministry's Directorate of Camouflage.

Prof. Thomas has specialised in research work on structural precautions. — Reuter.

MESSAGE TO STALIN

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has addressed a wire of congratulations to M. Stalin on his assumption of the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Army, expressing confidence that the peace-loving nations will emerge victorious in their fight against aggression, according to the "Ta Kung Pao."

It is also stated that the National Government has been keeping in close touch with the latest developments in Soviet Russia through the voluminous reports sent back by Ambassador Shao Li-tse in Moscow. — Central News.

CHINA SOCIETY RECEPTION

A distinguished gathering was present at a reception given last evening by the China Society in honour of Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador in London. — Central News.

Democracies Must Act Promptly

WHATEVER FRESH adventure Japan launches, whether she uses armed force or diplomatic pressure to accomplish her objective, will have a grave bearing on the interests of China, Britain, America and Russia and on the security of the Pacific, declared the Foreign Office spokesman in Chungking.

The spokesman made the statement in connection with recent Japanese broadcasts alleging the conclusion of a Sino-Soviet alliance, a Sino-British alliance, and a Sino-British-American-Soviet alliance.

While professing ignorance of such alliances, the spokesman pointed out that whenever the Japanese start any aggressive action they invariably spread rumours first and seize them as a pretext for action.

The spokesman recalled that last summer Tokyo persistently alleged that China had concluded an alliance with French Indo-China. A few days later the Japanese, on the pretext of "self-defence," invaded and seized the northern part of Indo-China.

"In the past week or two," the spokesman said, "the Japanese have again spread rumours of a China alliance with different Powers, and if we judge these rumours in the light of recent experience it will not be difficult for us to reach the natural conclusion." — Central News.

Must Act Promptly

Chinese circles in Chungking, says Reuter, are not so concerned about when Japan will occupy Indo-China as they are at what steps Britain and the U.S. will take to meet the new situation in the Far East.

The official "Central Daily News" says: "The occupation of Indo-China will be merely a step in Japan's southward expansion programme."

"All powers concerned in the Pacific must awaken to this situation, particularly Britain, the U.S., the Netherlands and Australia."

"The Democracies must act promptly and seize the initiative. We cannot wait until the enemy attacks. We must act now, for the present moment will determine the future of the Pacific and the success or failure of the anti-aggression bloc."

While Chinese circles welcome the Washington denunciation of Japan they are puzzled by the London statement that the Indo-China developments are not a threat to Singapore. — Reuter.

AMERICA SETS THE STAGE

(Continued from Page 1) nature of the joint measures against Japan reportedly having been agreed upon between Soviet Russia, Britain and her Dominions, and Holland.

It is learned that these measures will be announced as soon as there is official confirmation that Vichy has acceded to the Japanese demands for the occupation of southern Indo-China or that complete occupation has actually been made.

Official circles in London are keeping strictly silent regarding the exact nature of the measures to be taken but it is hinted that their cumulative effect will be far-reaching enough as to considerably cripple Japan's war effort. The effect may not be immediate, but nevertheless the full weight will be felt within a comparatively short period.

The view is taken in London that it will take some time for Japan to consolidate her hold in Indo-China. In the meantime, while active defence measures are being strengthened, the cumulative effect of joint measures to be taken will make Japan hesitate to push any farther south.

No Further

THE BELIEF IS EXPRESSED THAT IT IS THE AGREED POLICY IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON THAT IT IS HIGH TIME TO SAY "THUS FAR AND NO FURTHER."

Anxiety, however, is being felt regarding the position of Thailand, the buffer state. The question is being asked: "Is Bangkok really ally to its danger as the object of Japan's next move?" If so, can she rely on its own strength to preserve its neutrality and at the same time maintain its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity which she so frequently and vehemently professed she would do? — Central News.

THAILAND EMPHASISES NEUTRALITY

The Thailand Premier, Luang Pibul Songgram, strongly emphasised Thailand's continued adherence to strict neutrality when he addressed an official delegation yesterday on proceeding to Batumbong to take over Indo-China territory ceded under the Tokyo Treaty, says Reuter from Bangkok.

WAVELL'S TOUR

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, India, has just completed a tour of the North-West Frontier district.

On his return he sent a message to the G.O.C., Northern Command, expressing appreciation of the good work already done on the design and extension of defences in that area and saying he had been impressed by the bearing and keenness of the troops on the frontier. — Reuter.

H.K. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments, etc. are gazetted:—

Lieut.-Comdr. J. Jolly to be Harbour Master, etc., and Comdr. T. C. Stiff to be Deputy Harbour Master.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen to be an Assistant Labour Officer.

Sir V. M. Grayburn to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council.

Mr. J. C. Fitz-Henry to be an Official Justice of the Peace.

Mr. G. S. O. Mayne to be Acting Sub-Lieut. in the H.K.N.V.F.

Lieut.-Colonel T. Aldis Martin resigned his commission in the H.K.V.D.C.

STOP PRESS

President Roosevelt, says a brief Reuter message from Washington, has frozen Japanese assets in the United States, effective as from the opening of business to-day.

Chinese assets have also been frozen.

Another Reuter message, from New York, says the freezing order apparently prevents the removal of any Japanese ships from the U.S.

Forty-five America-bound Japanese ships which were reported to have suddenly hove-to off the Pacific Coast following Mr. Sumner Welles' statement denouncing Japan as an aggressor, are refusing to answer all radio messages. They include the crack liner, Tatsuta Maru, whose position is unknown after she had approached to within a few miles of the Golden Gate.

It has been suggested that she might be either proceeding to Mexico or awaiting refuelling at sea from a Japanese tanker which left San Francisco on Friday night for Japan.

The N.Y.K. office in San Francisco, however, have now announced that the Tatsuta Maru is scheduled to arrive at 8 a.m. to-day. Meanwhile, the sailings of two Japanese freighters from Yokohama have been cancelled. Japanese ships in the United States are hurrying with their loading operations. — Reuter.

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